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Soil Survey of Onslow County, North Carolina

How To Use This Soil Survey

General Soil Map

The general soil map, which is the color map preceding the detailed soil maps, shows the survey area divided into groups of associated soils called general soil map units. This map is useful in planning the use and management of large areas.

To find information about your area of interest, locate that area on the map, identify the name of the map unit in the area on the color-coded map legend, then refer to the section **General Soil Map Units** for a general description of the soils in your area.

Detailed Soil Maps

The detailed soil maps follow the general soil map. These maps can be useful in planning the use and management of small areas.

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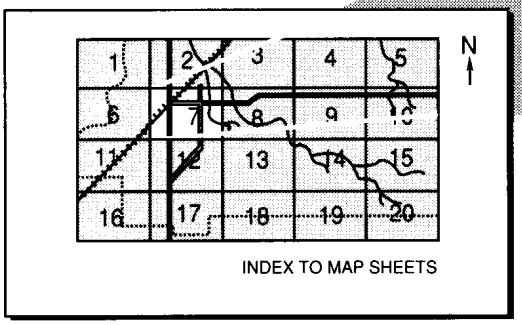

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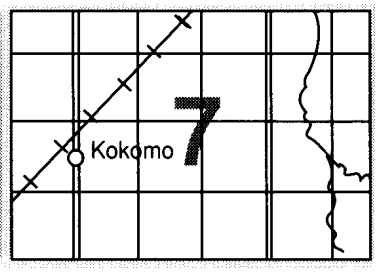

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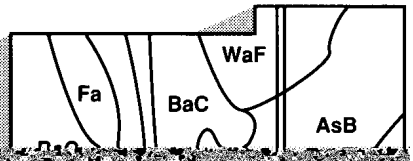

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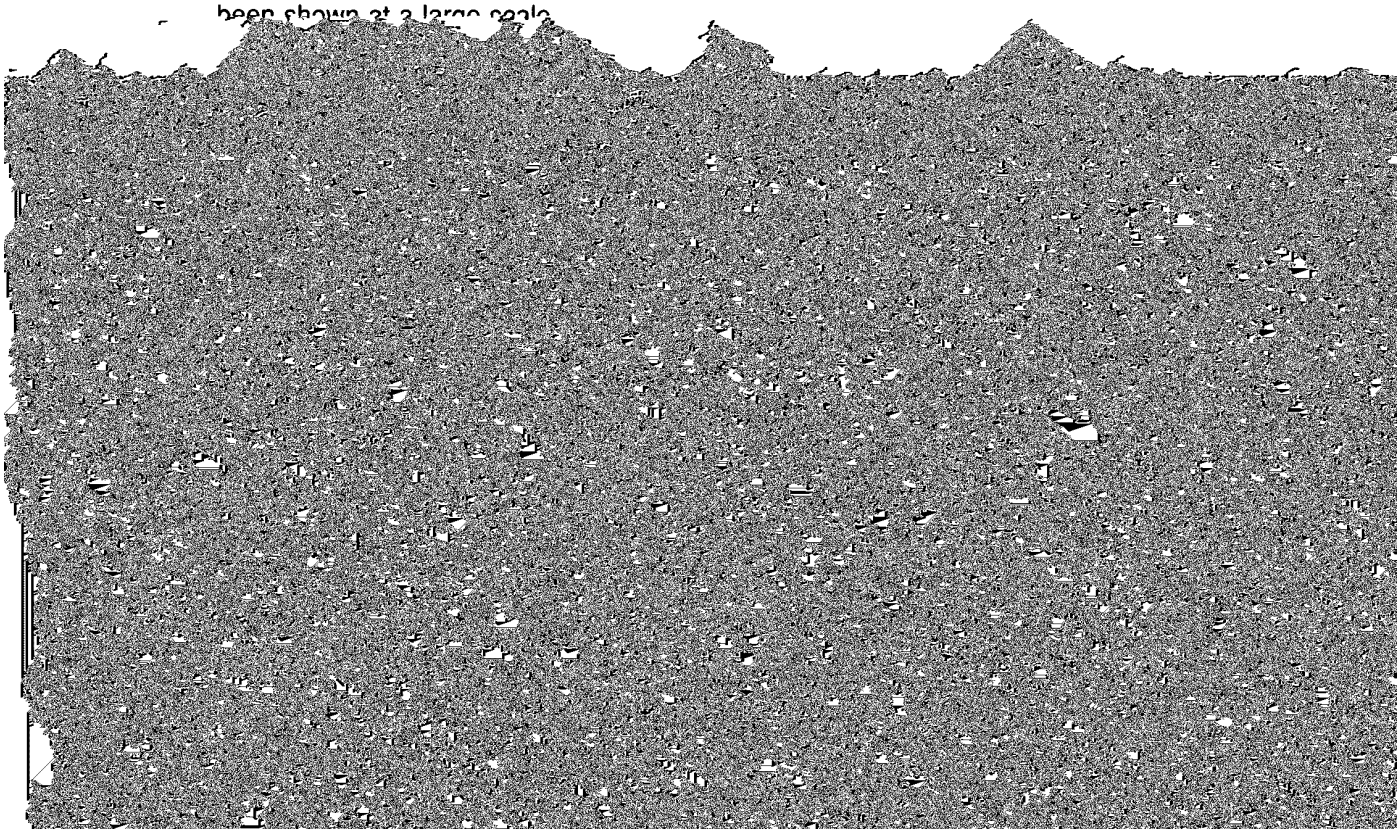

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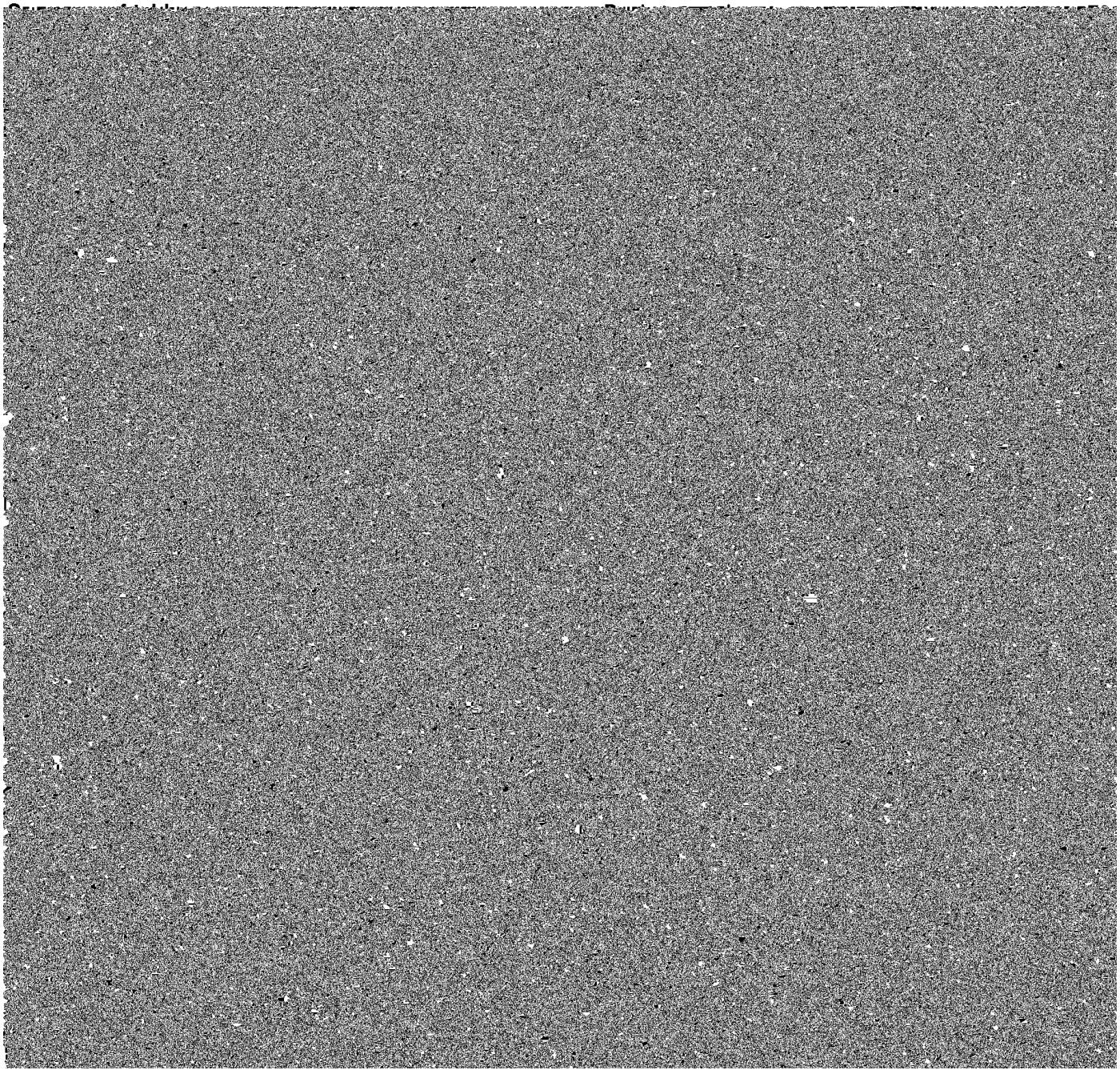

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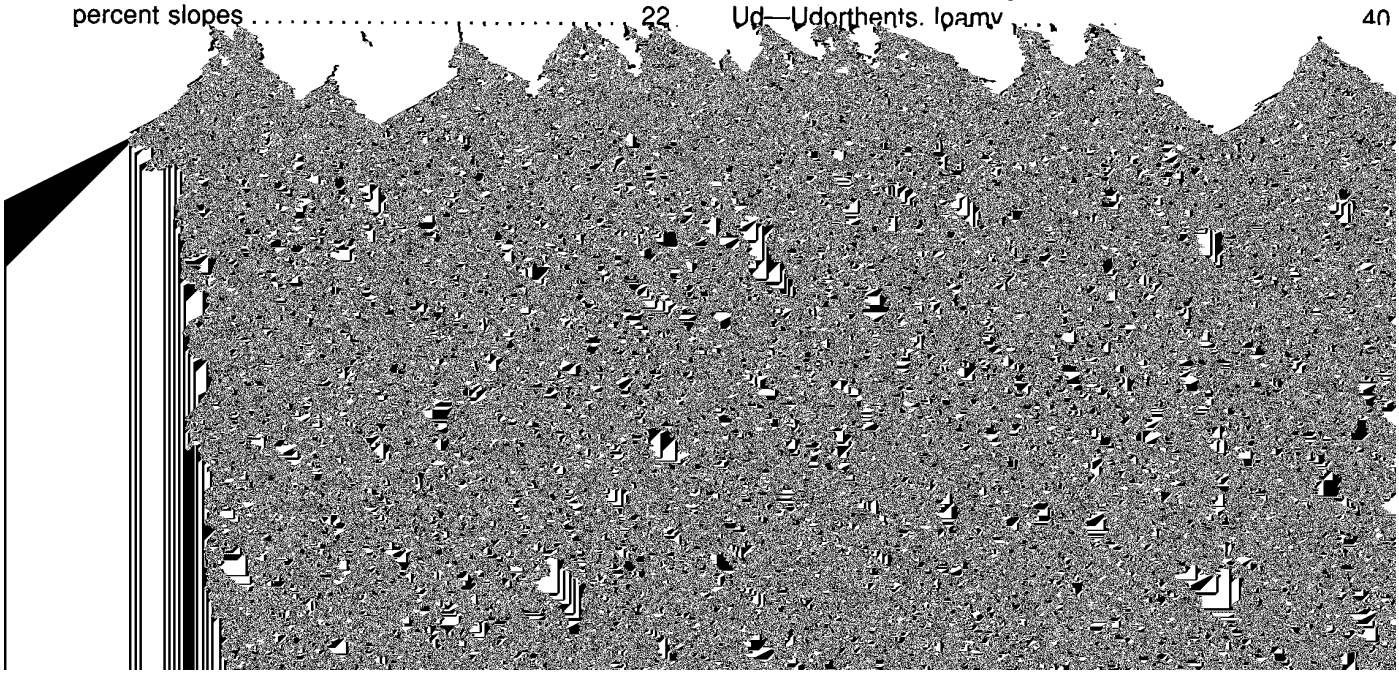

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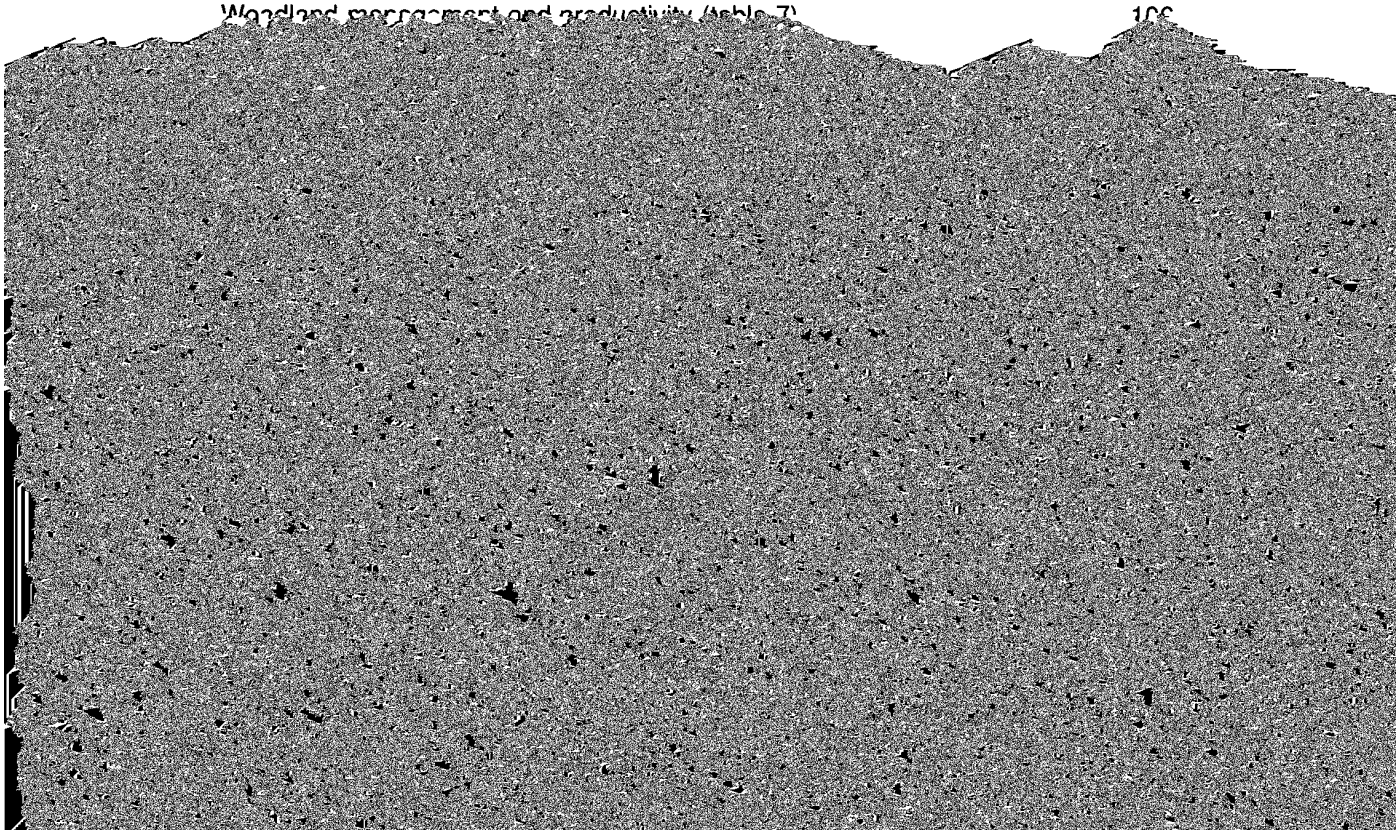

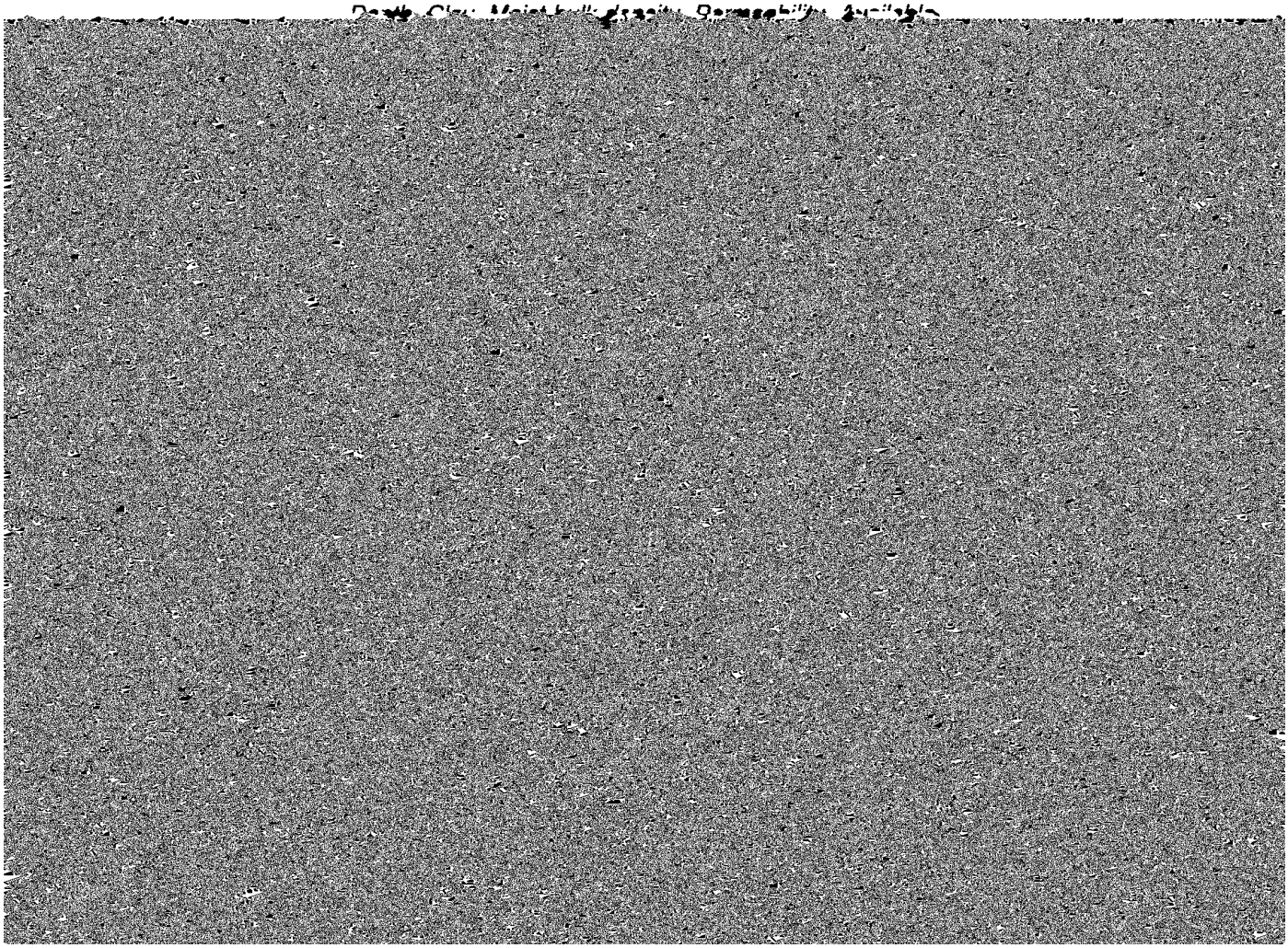

Foreword

This soil survey contains information that can be used in land-planning programs in Onslow County. It contains predictions of soil behavior for selected land uses. The survey also highlights limitations and hazards inherent in the soil, improvements needed to overcome the limitations, and the impact of selected land uses on the environment.

This soil survey is designed for many different users. Farmers, foresters, and agronomists can use it to evaluate the potential of the soil and the management needed for maximum food and fiber production. Planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers can use the survey to plan land use, select sites for construction, and identify special practices needed to ensure proper performance. Conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, wildlife management, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the survey to help them understand, protect, and enhance the environment.

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are shallow to bedrock. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to septic absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

These and many other soil properties that affect land use are described in this soil survey. Broad areas of soils are shown on the general soil map. The location of each soil is shown on the detailed soil maps. Each soil in the survey area is described. Information about specific uses is given for each soil. Help in using this publication and additional information is available at the local office of the Soil Conservation Service or the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

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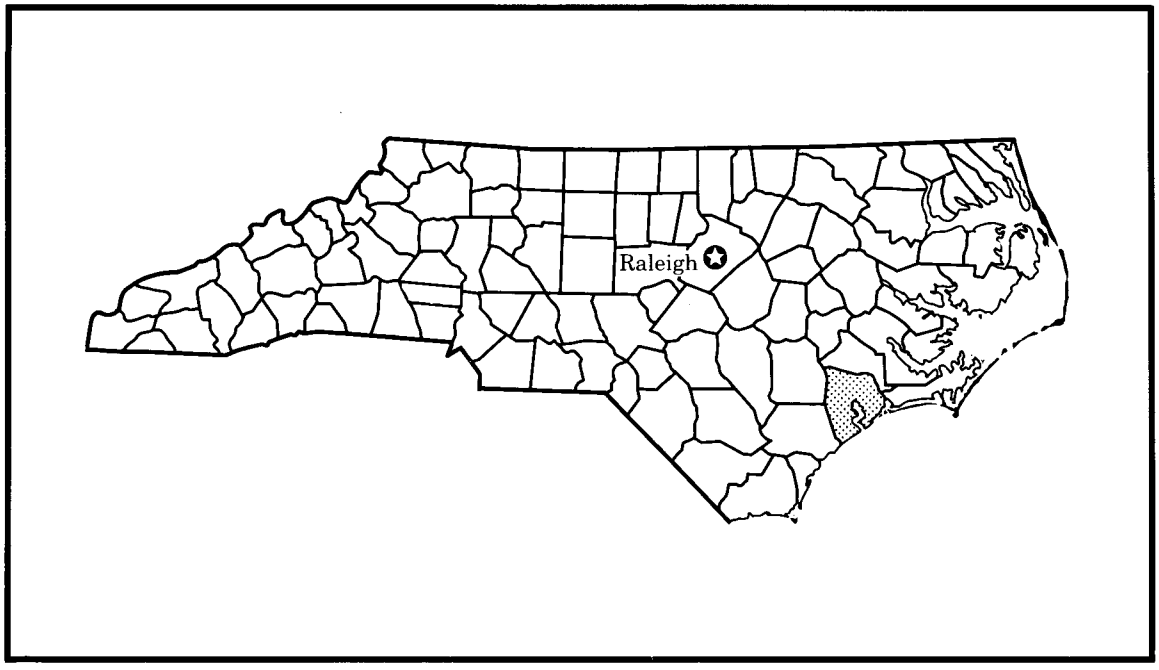

Location of Onslow County in North Carolina.

Soil Survey of Onslow County, North Carolina

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General Nature of the County

This section provides general information about Onslow County. It describes physiography and drainage, the Outer Banks, history and development, ground water, and climate.

Physiography and Drainage

Nearly all of Onslow County is on the Lower Coastal Plain. Much of the county is nearly level and is in wide, undissected interstream areas. Well drained and moderately well drained soils are on short side slopes near drainageways. The upper side slopes of the drainageways merge into the wide interstream areas *(10)*. Water movement is slow in these interstream areas because of minimal relief, and the soils are somewhat poorly drained, poorly drained, or very poorly drained. A thick mantle of organic matter has developed in the Hofmann Forest and Great Sandy Run Pocosin areas, and the underlying mineral material in these areas is nearly impermeable. The layer of organic matter is thinner or does not occur near the drainageways.

The Talbot and Wicomico Surfaces of Pleistocene age cover nearly all of Onslow County. The Wicomico Surface is 42 to 100 feet in elevation, and it covers the northeastern and northwestern parts of the county. The Talbot Surface is 24 to 42 feet in elevation. It covers about two-thirds of the county, in the central, southeastern, and southwestern parts. The Pamlico Surface is at sea level to 24 feet in elevation, and it covers a narrow strip near the coast. The northern tip of the county is covered by the Sunderland Surface, which is 100 feet or more in elevation.

The unconsolidated surface sediment is about 10 feet thick in the northern part of the county and 30 feet thick in the southern coastal part. The Yorktown Formation of Miocene age underlies the surficial sediment unless it has been removed by erosion. This formation either is very thin or does not occur north of Jacksonville, but it is about 60 feet thick near the coast. The Castle Hayne Limestone Formation of Eocene age underlies the Yorktown Formation. Where the Yorktown Formation has been removed by erosion, the surficial sediment overlies the Castle Hayne Formation. The Castle Hayne Formation is wedge shaped and is thicker near the coast. The Pee Dee Formation of Cretaceous age underlies the Castle Hayne Formation. It is within 30 feet of the surface northwest of Richlands but is at a greater depth in the southern coastal part of the county *(11)*.

The main water systems draining the county are the White Oak River, the New River, Southwest Creek, Back Creek, Sandy Run Swamp, Nine Mile Swamp, and Juniper Swamp. The flow of water is sluggish in these systems. The White Oak and New Rivers and the short creeks draining into the Intracoastal Waterway have wide estuarial flood plains. Because of high ocean

tides, these flood plains are flooded with brackish water 1 to 10 miles inland.

The Outer Banks

The Outer Banks, the barrier islands along the coastline of Onslow County, are a small but important part of the county. They are on the Pamlico Surface, mostly at sea level to about 15 feet in elevation. A few sand dunes are at elevations of as much as 40 feet. The characteristic undulating sand dunes and ridges are 200 to 500 feet wide in most places and are toward the center of the islands. Some of the ridges and dunes are stabilized by vegetation. The eastern side of the islands slopes gently from the barrier ridge to the ocean, and the western side slopes gently from the dunes toward the marshes or sounds. The Outer Banks protect the mainland from wave action and impede tidal action on the mainland shoreline.

The agents involved in formation of the Outer Banks include waves, winds, longshore currents, tides and tidal currents, and rivers and creeks that empty into the bays, sounds, and ocean. These agents continually reshape the barrier islands, causing the islands to migrate or "roll over" toward the west and closer to the mainland.

The vegetation of the Outer Banks consists of species that can tolerate the salt spray from the ocean and the salinity of the floodwater overflowing the low marshes. The marshes, the sand dunes and barrier ridge, and the beach each support a distinct plant community *(23)*. Figure 1 illustrates the dominant plants adapted to the soils in these different landscape positions.

History and Development

Onslow County was settled in the early 18th century by the English, Germans, French Hugenots, and Africans. Most settlers migrated from Craven and New Hanover Counties because those areas had become crowded. Governor George Burrington granted a request for the establishment of a new county in 1731, but the Assembly did not confirm it until 1734. The county was named for Arthur Onslow, who served as speaker of the British House of Commons for 33 years *(7)*.

Important crops in the early 1800's were corn, cotton, and peanuts. Swansboro was the largest shipping point in the world. Turpentine and lumber were shipped from there.

In response to needs brought on by World War II, about 86,173 acres, or 16 percent of the county, was established as Camp Lejeune in 1940 *(14)*. This area is managed under a natural resource plan that stresses a multiple use concept.

The population of the county increased from 17,939 in 1940 *(18)* to 112,165 in 1980 *(25)*. Many acres of woodland and farmland have been converted to urban uses to accommodate the expanded population.

In 1984, about 48,566 acres in Onslow County was cropland *(26)* and about 341,875 acres was commercial forest land. Hofmann Forest, which is owned by North Carolina State University, makes up about 54,000 acres, or 10 percent of the county. Most of Hofmann Forest is woodland, but some areas are cropland.

Ground Water

Ground water sources supply all of the water for domestic uses in Onslow County. The Surficial Sands aquifer is 10 to 30 feet deep. It yields large amounts of water because the water table is high in most of the county. The Tertiary Limestone Unit, made up mostly of the Castle Hayne Formation, lies between the Surficial Sands and the Pee Dee Formation. This unit is thinner toward the northern part of the county, but it is an important aquifer throughout the county. The Surficial Sands and Tertiary Limestone aquifers furnish most of the water for the county, but the Pee Dee Formation supplies a few wells in the northwestern part. It is the deepest and oldest of the formations, and it is a major source of ground water *(17)*.

Climate

Prepared by the National Climatic Data Center, Asheville, North Carolina.

Onslow County generally is hot and humid in summer, but the coast frequently is cooled by sea breezes. Winter is cool, and there is an occasional brief cold spell. Rains occur throughout the year and are fairly heavy. Snowfall is rare. Annual precipitation is adequate for all of the crops commonly grown in the county.

Table 1 gives data on temperature and precipitation for the survey area as recorded at Maysville in the period 1951 to 1979. Table 2 shows probable dates of the first freeze in fall and the last freeze in spring. Table 3 provides data on length of the growing season.

In winter, the average temperature is 45 degrees F and the average daily minimum temperature is 32 degrees. The lowest temperature on record, which occurred at Maysville on February 1, 1965, is 2 degrees. In summer, the average temperature is 76 degrees and the average daily maximum temperature is 87 degrees. The highest recorded temperature, which occurred on June 28, 1954, is 103 degrees.

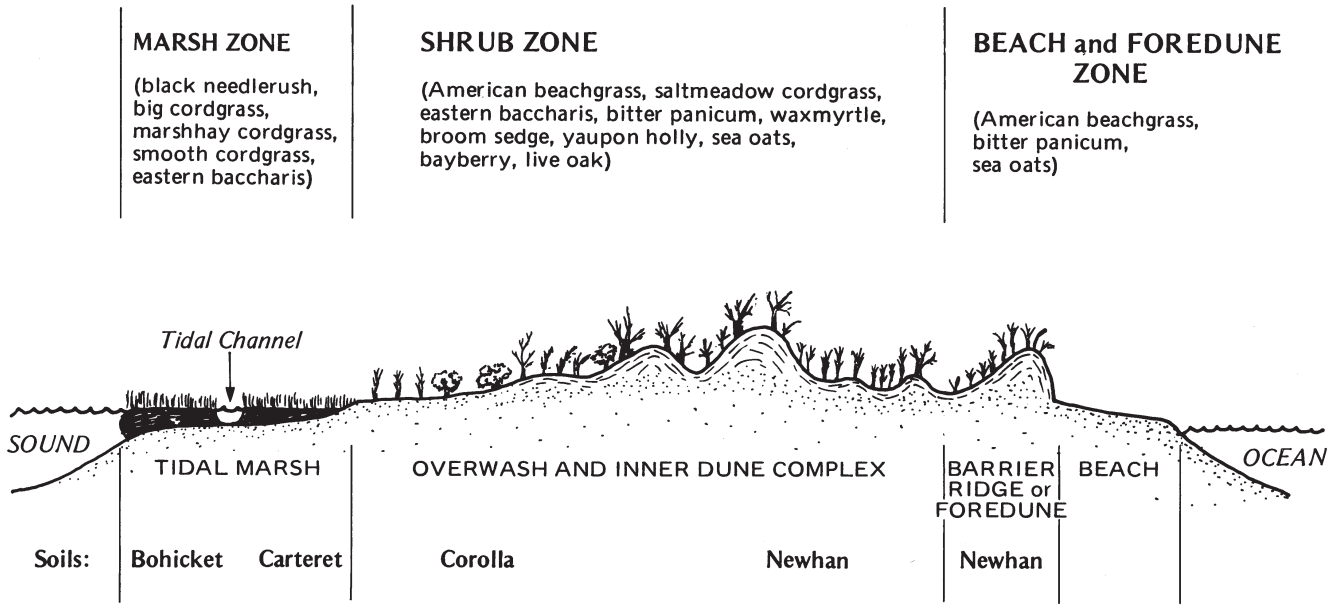

Figure 1.—Dominant vegetation, landscape, and soils of the Outer Banks in the Bohicket-Newhan general soil map unit.

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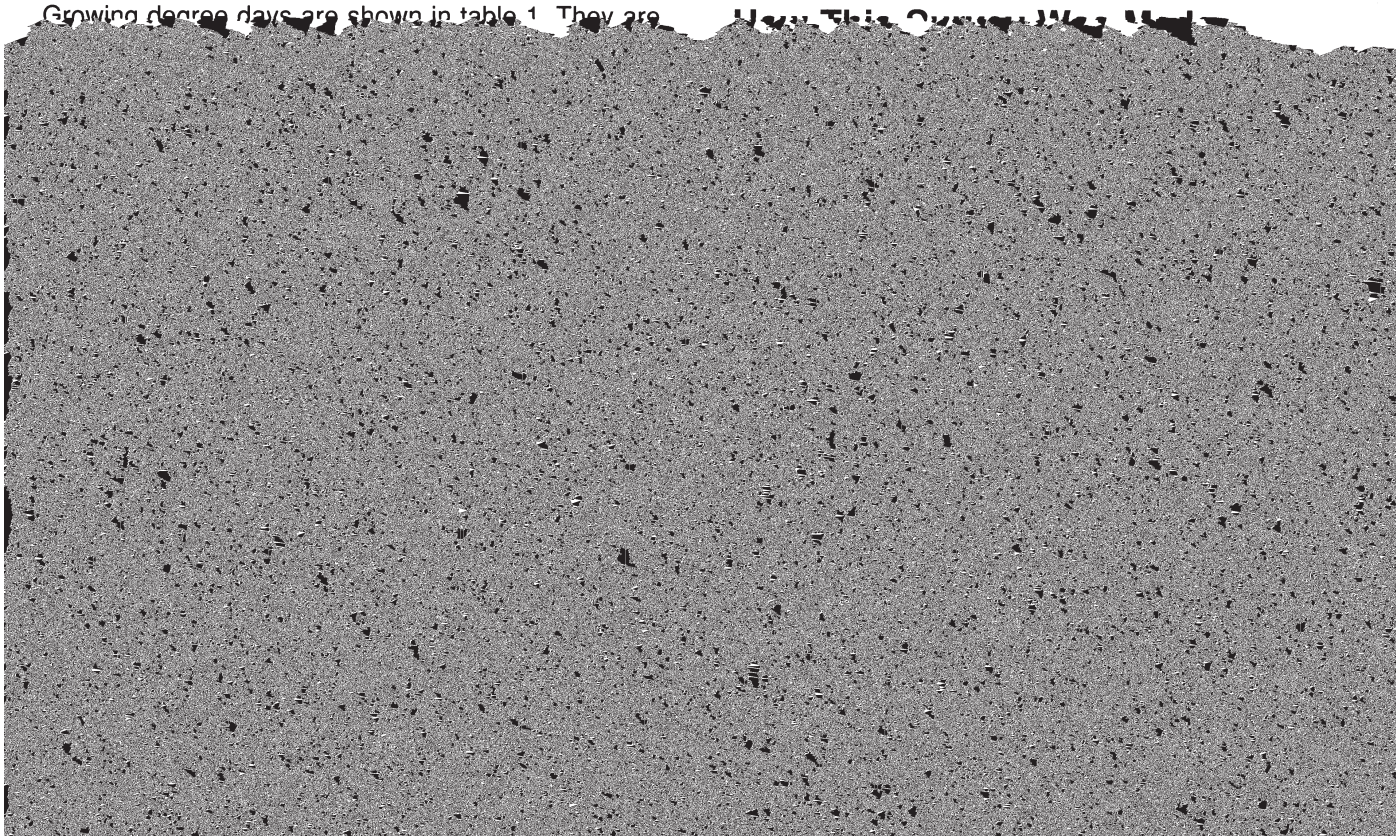
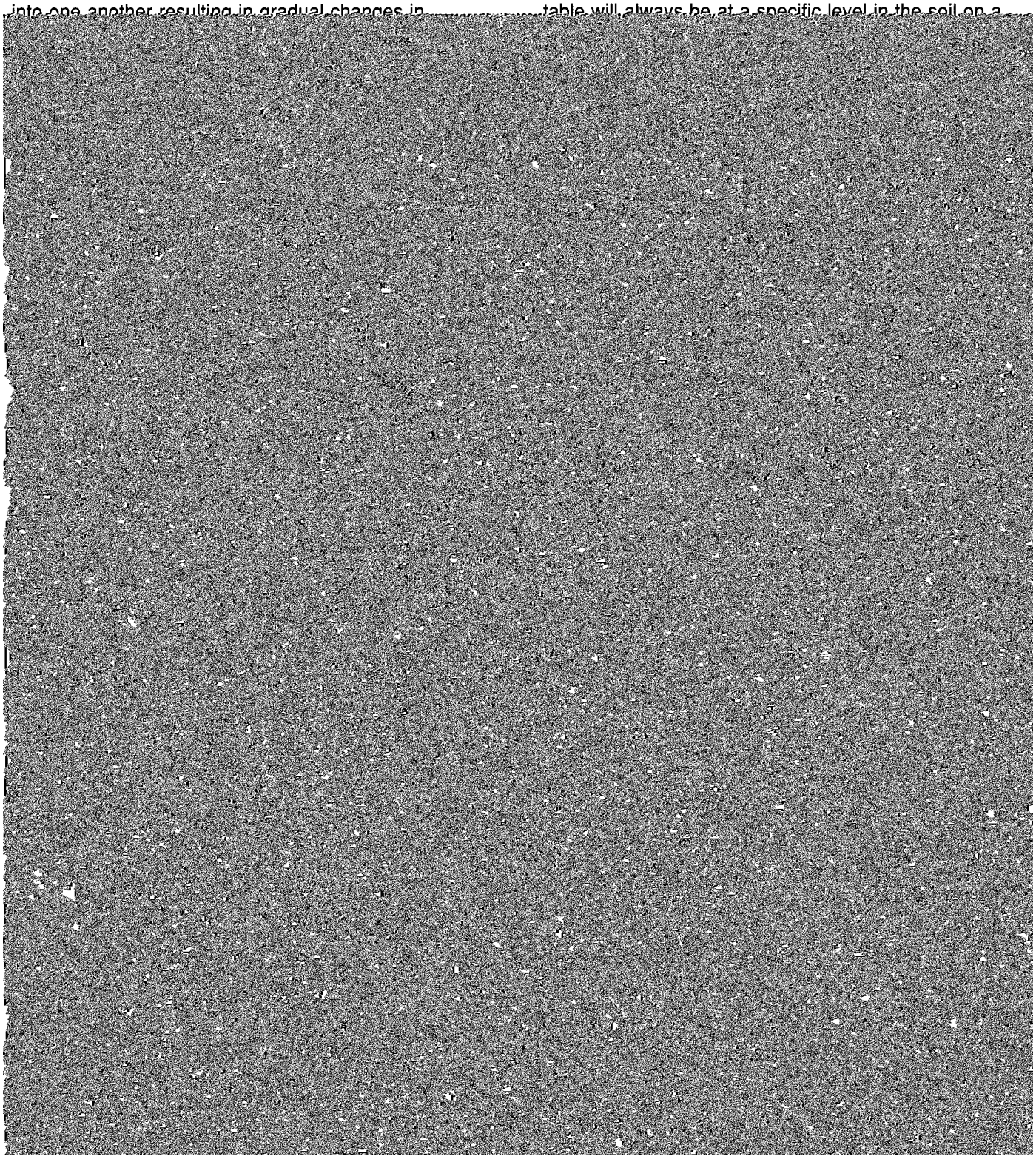


of accuracy the kind of soil at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as gradual changes in

predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot assure that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a



The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes of soils but rather to separate the landscape into segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such landscape segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans, but onsite investigation to precisely define and locate the soil is needed to plan for intensive uses in small areas.

General Soil Map Units

The general soil map included in this publication shows broad areas that have a distinctive pattern of soils, relief, and drainage. Each map unit on the general soil map is a unique natural landscape. Typically, a map unit consists of one or more major soils and some minor soils. It is named for the major soils. The soils making up one unit can occur in other units but in a different pattern.

The general soil map can be used to compare the suitability of large areas for general land uses. Areas of suitable soils can be identified on the map. Likewise, areas where the soils are not suitable can be identified.

Because of its small scale, the map is not suitable for planning the management of a farm or field or for selecting a site for a road or building or other structure. The soils in any one map unit differ from place to place in slope, depth, drainage, and other characteristics that affect management.

1. Baymeade-Foreston-Stallings

Nearly level and gently sloping, well drained, moderately well drained, and somewhat poorly drained soils that have a loamy subsoil; on uplands

These soils are dominantly in the center and on the western side of the county. Areas generally are large and are nearly level, but they are gently sloping a short distance from the major streams.

This map unit makes up about 28 percent of the county. It is about 35 percent Baymeade soils, 15 percent Foreston soils, 10 percent Stallings soils, and 40 percent soils of minor extent.

The Baymeade soils are nearly level and gently sloping and are well drained. They are on convex slopes near large drainageways and on low ridges. Typically, the surface layer and subsurface layer are fine sand and the subsoil is fine sandy loam.

The Foreston soils are nearly level and moderately well drained. They are on slightly convex divides. Typically, the surface layer is loamy fine sand and the subsoil is fine sandy loam.

The Stallings soils are nearly level and somewhat poorly drained. They are in interstream areas. Typically, the surface layer and subsurface layer are loamy fine sand and the subsoil is fine sandy loam.

Of minor extent in this unit are the Marvyn, Woodington, Torhunta, Murville, Leon, Norfolk, and Autryville soils. Marvyn soils are on short side slopes and are more sloping than the major soils. Woodington, Torhunta, Murville, and Leon soils are on flats and in depressions. Norfolk and Autryville soils are near the major streams.

The major soils are used mainly as woodland. Some areas are used as cropland or building sites, and other areas provide habitat for openland and woodland wildlife.

Droughtiness is a limitation in the Baymeade soils. Windblown sand can damage young plants if these soils are used for crops. Wetness is a limitation if row crops are grown on the Foreston and Stallings soils.

The major soils are limited as sites for urban uses. The instability of cutbanks is a problem affecting the installation of drainage systems. The sandy surface material, a seepage potential, and droughtiness in the Baymeade soils and wetness in the Foreston and Stallings soils limit building site development, sanitary facilities, and recreational development.

Droughtiness in the Baymeade soils and wetness in the Foreston and Stallings soils limit the use of these soils as woodland.

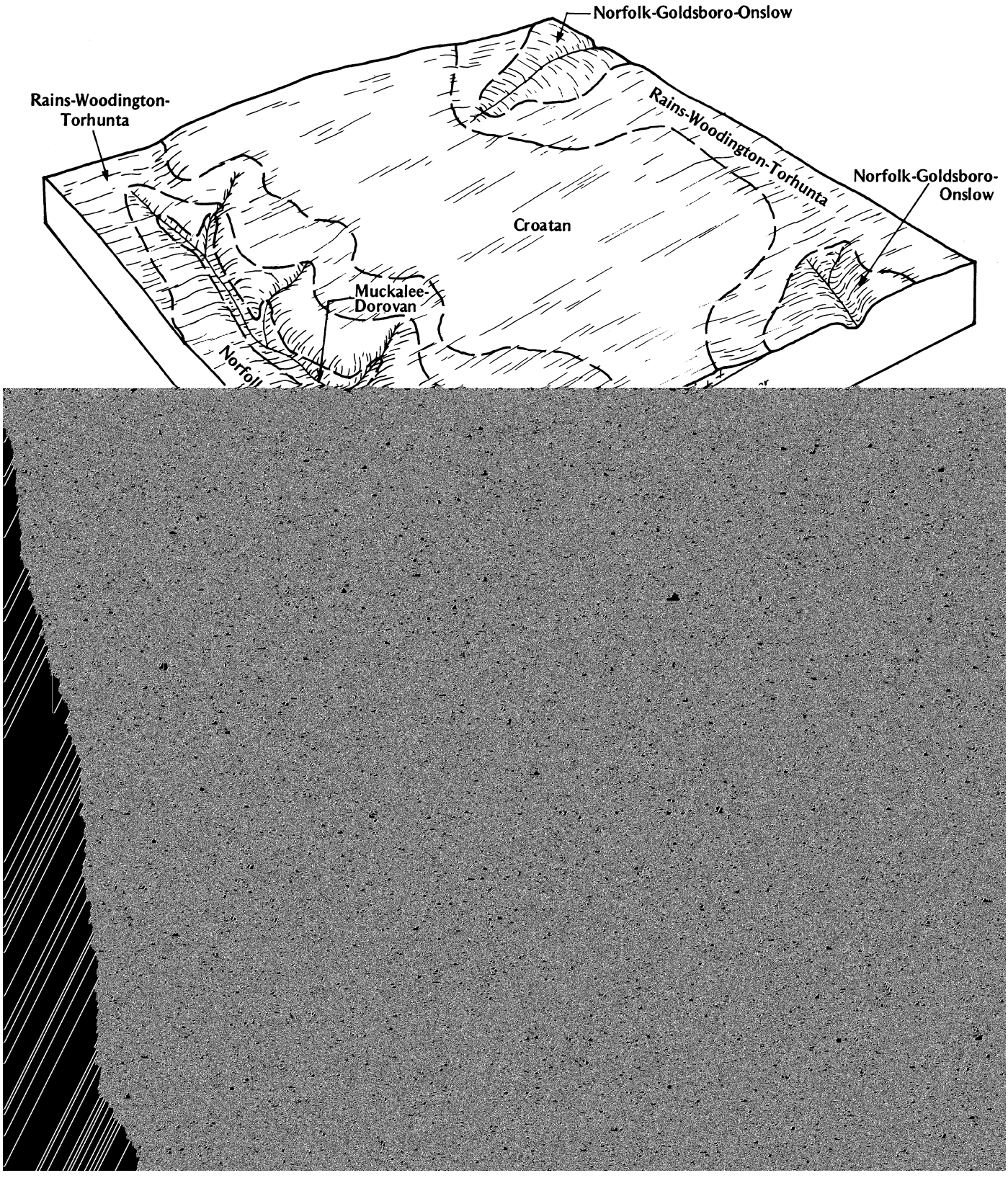
2. Norfolk-Goldsboro-Onslow

Nearly level and gently sloping, well drained, moderately well drained, and somewhat poorly drained soils that have a loamy subsoil; on uplands

These soils are mainly in the northeastern part of the county. Areas are dominantly broad and are nearly level, but they are gently sloping near the main streams (fig. 2).

This map unit makes up about 23 percent of the county. It is about 24 percent Norfolk soils, 19 percent Goldsboro soils, 15 percent Onslow soils, and 42 percent soils of minor extent.

The nearly level and gently sloping, well drained Norfolk soils are adjacent to the drainageways in slightly convex areas. Typically, the surface layer is loamy fine sand and the subsoil is sandy clay loam.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Muckalee-Dorovan

smooth interstream areas. Typically, the surface layer is fine sandy loam and the subsoil is sandy clay loam and sandy clay.

The poorly drained Woodington soils are mostly in broad, smooth interstream areas. Typically, the surface layer is loamy fine sand and the subsoil is fine sandy loam.

The very poorly drained Torhunta soils are in broad interstream areas. Typically, the surface layer and the subsoil are fine sandy loam.

Of minor extent in this map unit are Pantego, Murville, and Croatan soils, which are in scattered areas throughout the unit. Also of minor extent are Lynchburg and Stallings soils near shallow drainageways.

Most of the soils in this unit are used as woodland. A small acreage is used for row crops.

If adequately drained, the major soils can be used for crops. The soils are suited to openland, woodland, and wetland wildlife habitat. Wetness is the main limitation affecting building site development and most kinds of recreational development. On Woodington and Torhunta soils, the instability of cutbanks and trench walls also is a limitation affecting building site development and some sanitary facilities. The main recreational use is deer hunting.

4. Leon-Murville-Kureb

Nearly level and gently sloping, poorly drained, very poorly drained, and excessively drained soils that have a sandy subsoil and underlying material; on uplands

These soils are in the southern part of the county. Areas are longer than they are wide. The soils are nearly level in the smooth interstream areas and undulating near drainageways (fig. 3).

This map unit makes up about 11 percent of the county. It is about 53 percent Leon soils, 26 percent Murville soils, 15 percent Kureb soils, and 6 percent soils of minor extent.

The nearly level, poorly drained Leon soils are in broad interstream areas. Typically, the surface layer and subsoil are fine sand.

The nearly level, very poorly drained Murville soils are in depressions and in interstream areas. Typically, the surface layer and subsoil are fine sand.

The nearly level and gently sloping, excessively drained Kureb soils are near large drainageways and in undulating, convex areas. Typically, the surface layer and underlying material are fine sand.

Of minor extent in this map unit are Stallings, Woodington, Pactolus, Alpin, and Baymeade soils. These soils are in scattered areas throughout the unit.

Nearly all of this unit is used as woodland. The seasonal high water table is the main limitation affecting management of Leon and Murville soils for this use. Also, droughtiness during the growing season is a limitation in areas of Leon and Kureb soils. Some small areas of this unit are used as cropland. Wetness is a limitation affecting management of Leon and Murville soils for this use. Also, leaching of nutrients and droughtiness are limitations in areas of Leon and Kureb soils. Wetness, seepage, and the instability of cutbanks are the main limitations affecting building site development, sanitary facilities, and recreational development.

5. Muckalee-Dorovan

Nearly level, poorly drained soils that are loamy throughout and very poorly drained soils that are muck throughout; on flood plains

These soils are along the major streams (fig. 2). The drainageways are long and narrow.

This map unit makes up about 10 percent of the county. It is about 54 percent Muckalee soils, 6 percent Dorovan soils, and 40 percent soils of minor extent.

Typically, the poorly drained Muckalee soils have a surface layer of loam. The underlying layers are sandy loam and loam.

Typically, the very poorly drained Dorovan soils are muck throughout. They are ponded most of the year.

Of minor extent in this map unit are Pactolus soils in narrow areas along the sides of the main stream channels, Lafitte soils at elevations near sea level, and Murville soils at the upstream end of some drainageways.

The major soils are wooded, mainly with hardwoods. Wetness and flooding are the main limitations affecting woodland management. The major soils generally are not used for crops, building site development, sanitary facilities, or most kinds of recreational development. Frequent flooding and wetness are the main limitations. The soils provide habitat for wetland wildlife.

6. Croatan

Nearly level, very poorly drained, mucky soils that are underlain by loamy material; on uplands

These soils are in interstream areas and depressions in the northeastern and south-central parts of the county (fig. 2). Typically, the areas of these soils are circular. The thickness of the muck layers varies so that the contact with the underlying mineral layers across the landscape is slightly undulating. The areas in the northeastern part of the county are slightly higher in elevation than the surrounding mineral soils that do not have a mantle of muck. The south-central part of the

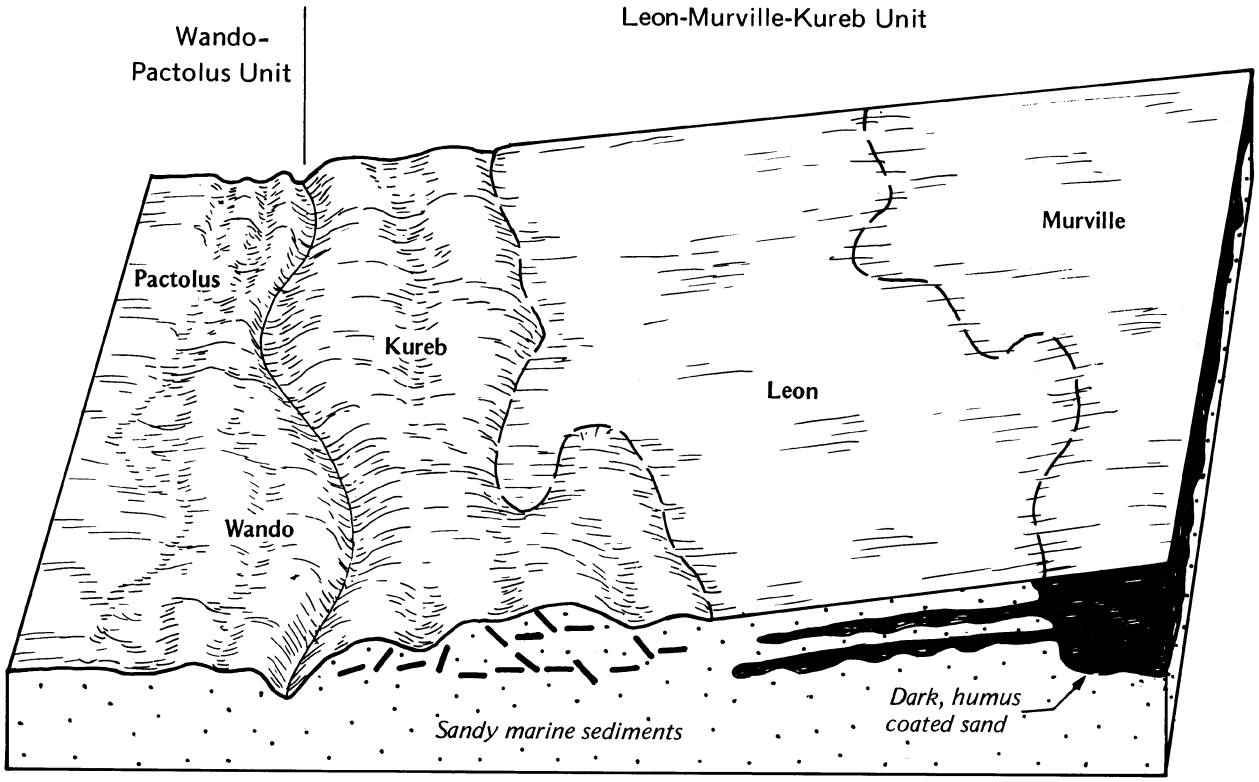


Figure 3.—The relationship of soils and landscape in the Leon-Murville-Kureb and Wando-Pactolus general soil map units. The Leon, Murville, and Kureb soils are at an elevation ranging from 25 to about 55 feet, and the Wando and Pactolus soils are mostly below an elevation of 25 feet.

barrier ridges. Typically, they are sandy throughout.

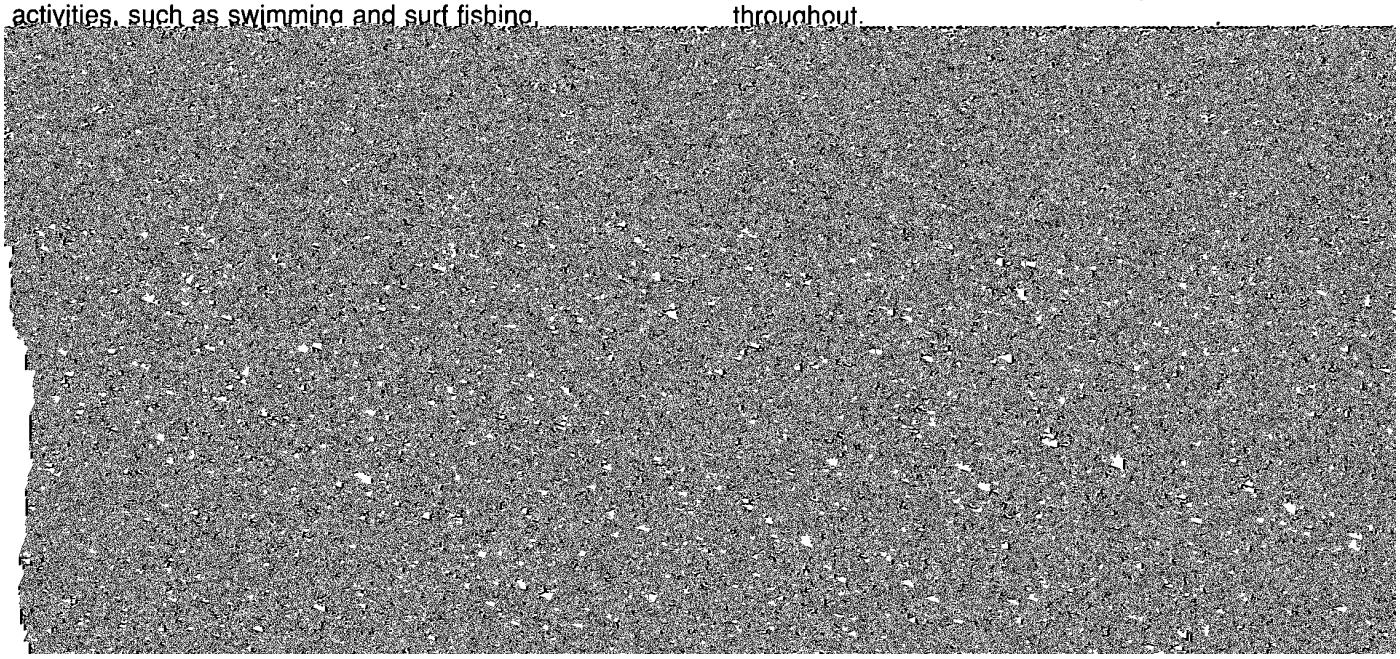
Of minor extent in this map unit are Carteret, Duckston, Corolla, and Yaupon soils. Carteret and Duckston soils are next to the islands. Corolla soils are in low areas on the islands. Yaupon soils are along the Intracoastal Waterway.

The Bohicket soils are an important feeding area for fish, birds, and many mammals. Areas of the Newhan soils are used for summer cottages and for recreational activities, such as swimming and surf fishing.

This map unit makes up about 3 percent of the county. It is about 54 percent Wando soils, 39 percent Pactolus soils, and 7 percent soils of minor extent.

The nearly level to gently sloping, excessively drained Wando soils are in undulating areas on uplands. Typically, they are fine sand throughout.

The nearly level, moderately well drained and somewhat poorly drained Pactolus soils are on uplands and stream terraces. Typically, they are fine sand throughout.



Detailed Soil Map Units

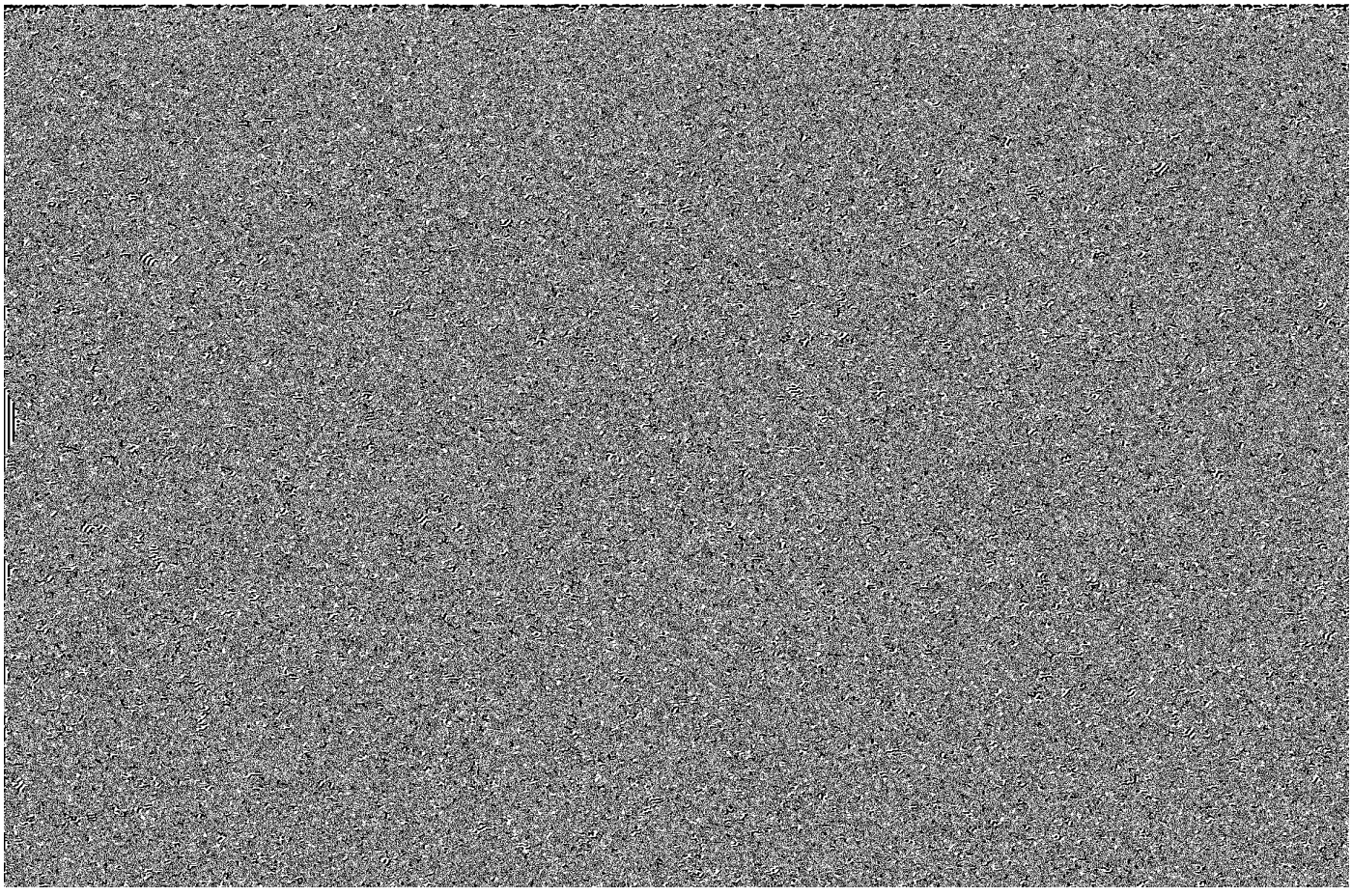
The map units on the detailed soil maps at the back of this survey represent the soils in the survey area. The map unit descriptions in this section, along with the soil maps, can be used to determine the suitability and potential of a soil for specific uses. They also can be used to plan the management needed for those uses. More information on each map unit, or soil, is given under "Use and Management of the Soils."

Each map unit on the detailed soil maps represents an area on the landscape and consists of one or more soils for which the unit is named.

A symbol identifying the soil precedes the map unit name in the soil descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the soil and gives the principal management of the soils in the map unit. The included soils are identified in each map unit description. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils are identified by a special symbol on the soil maps.

This survey includes *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Pits is an example. Miscellaneous areas are shown on the soil maps. Some that are too small to be shown are identified by a special symbol on the soil maps.

Important or commonly occurring plants are listed by their recognized common plant names *(13, 16)* in each map unit. An alphabetical list of these plants and their scientific names is given in table 4.



limed. The seasonal high water table is below a depth of 6 feet.

Included with this soil in mapping are small areas of Kureb, Baymeade, Pactolus, Leon, and Muckalee soils. Kureb soils are in scattered areas. They are in landscape positions similar to those of the Alpin soil. The well drained Baymeade, somewhat poorly drained Pactolus, and poorly drained Leon soils are in narrow depressions. The poorly drained Muckalee soils are in narrow drainageways. The included soils make up 15 percent of this unit.

Most areas of this unit are used as woodland. The rest are used mainly for building site development.

In the wooded areas, the dominant trees are loblolly pine, longleaf pine, turkey oak, bluejack oak, blackjack oak, and sassafras. The understory includes pineland threeawn, panicgrass, oaks, and American beautyberry. Some large areas have been cleared, bedded, and planted to loblolly pine. The use of equipment is limited, and seedling mortality is a management concern because of droughtiness. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, turkey, rabbit, fox, quail, and other wildlife.

Droughtiness, the leaching of plant nutrients, and wind erosion are the main limitations affecting the use of this soil for crops. Additions of plant nutrients, minimum tillage, cover crops, and crop residue management conserve moisture and help to overcome the effects of excessive leaching. Windbreaks help to control wind erosion.

If this soil is used for building site development and sanitary facilities, the instability of ditchbanks and trench walls and seepage are the main limitations. This sandy soil provides a good support base for most structures. Wind erosion is a hazard on unprotected sandy surfaces. It can be controlled by revegetating disturbed areas around construction and road sites as soon as possible. Lawns and shrubs are difficult to establish and maintain because of the leaching of plant nutrients and droughtiness. Irrigation, additions of organic material, and frequent applications of fertilizer improve the growth of lawns and shrubs on this sandy soil. Sandiness and summer droughtiness are the main limitations affecting recreational development. Wind and water erosion and sedimentation can be minimized by maintaining or regenerating an adequate plant cover.

The capability subclass is IVs, and the woodland group is 6S.

AuB—Autryville loamy fine sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes. This well drained soil is on uplands. Most areas are near large drainageways on the northwestern side of the county. Individual areas are long and narrow, and they range from 20 to about 75 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:
0 to 8 inches; grayish brown loamy fine sand

Subsurface layer:
8 to 24 inches; very pale brown loamy fine sand

Subsoil:
24 to 27 inches; brownish yellow fine sandy loam
27 to 38 inches; strong brown fine sandy loam mottled with very pale brown
38 to 53 inches; light gray fine sand mottled with light yellowish brown
53 to 64 inches; strong brown fine sandy loam
64 to 77 inches; light gray sandy clay loam mottled with weak red and yellowish red
77 to 99 inches; light gray sandy loam mottled with brownish yellow and red

Infiltration is rapid, and surface runoff is slow. Permeability is moderately rapid in the upper part of the subsoil, rapid in the next part, and moderate in the lower part. Available water capacity is low. The soil ranges from very strongly acid to medium acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The seasonal high water table is below a depth of 6 feet.

Included with this soil in mapping are small areas of a soil that has a thicker, sandier surface layer and small areas of Baymeade and Norfolk soils. These soils are in scattered areas. They are in landscape positions similar to those of the Autryville soil. Norfolk soils have a surface layer that is thinner than that of the Autryville soil. Also included are short, narrow strips of Muckalee soils in drainageways. The included soils make up 5 to 20 percent of this unit.

Most areas of this unit are used as cropland. The rest are used for building site development or woodland.

In cultivated areas the main crops are tobacco, corn, and soybeans. The leaching of plant nutrients, droughtiness, and wind erosion are the main limitations. Windblown sand can damage young plants. Additions of plant nutrients, minimum tillage, and cover crops help to control wind erosion, conserve moisture, and help to overcome the effects of excessive leaching.

In the wooded areas the dominant trees are loblolly pine, longleaf pine, post oak, turkey oak, white oak, southern red oak, flowering dogwood, sassafras, and hickory. The understory includes turkey oak, blackjack oak, sassafras, persimmon, flowering dogwood, huckleberry, pineland threeawn, panicgrass, and American beautyberry. Droughtiness is the main limitation.

This soil has no major limitations affecting building

site development. Seepage is the main limitation on sites for sanitary facilities. Lawns and shrubs may be difficult to establish and maintain because of the leaching of plant nutrients and droughtiness. The instability of ditchbanks and trench walls is a problem. The sandy material is the main limitation affecting recreational development.

The capability subclass is IIs, and the woodland group is 7S.

BaB—Baymeade fine sand, 0 to 6 percent slopes. This well drained soil is on uplands. It is on convex slopes near large drainageways and on low ridges. Individual areas are irregular in shape, and they range from 25 to about 300 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:
0 to 2 inches; gray fine sand

Subsurface layer:
2 to 9 inches; light gray fine sand
9 to 15 inches; light yellowish brown fine sand that has soft, dark yellowish brown nodules
15 to 30 inches; white fine sand that has very pale brown mottles and a few thin bands of brownish yellow fine sandy loam

Subsoil:
30 to 40 inches; brownish yellow fine sandy loam
40 to 56 inches; light yellowish brown fine sandy loam that has light gray mottles and thin layers of fine sand

Substratum:
56 to 80 inches; light gray fine sand that has brown mottles and thin layers of loamy fine sand

Infiltration is rapid, and surface runoff is slow. Permeability is moderately rapid, and available water capacity is low. The soil is strongly acid or medium acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The seasonal high water table is 4 to 5 feet below the surface.

Included with this soil in mapping are small areas of longleaf pine, loblolly pine, southern red oak, white oak, and hickory. The understory includes turkey oak, blackjack oak, sassafras, persimmon, flowering dogwood, huckleberry, pineland threeawn, panicgrass, and American beautyberry. Some large areas have been cleared, bedded, and planted to loblolly pine. Droughtiness and seedling mortality are the main limitations. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, turkey, rabbit, fox, quail, red-cockaded woodpecker, and other wildlife.

Only a small acreage of this soil is cultivated. Droughtiness, the leaching of plant nutrients, and wind erosion are the main limitations affecting the use of this soil for crops. Additions of plant nutrients, minimum tillage, cover crops, and crop residue management conserve moisture and help to overcome the effects of leaching. Windbreaks help to control wind erosion.

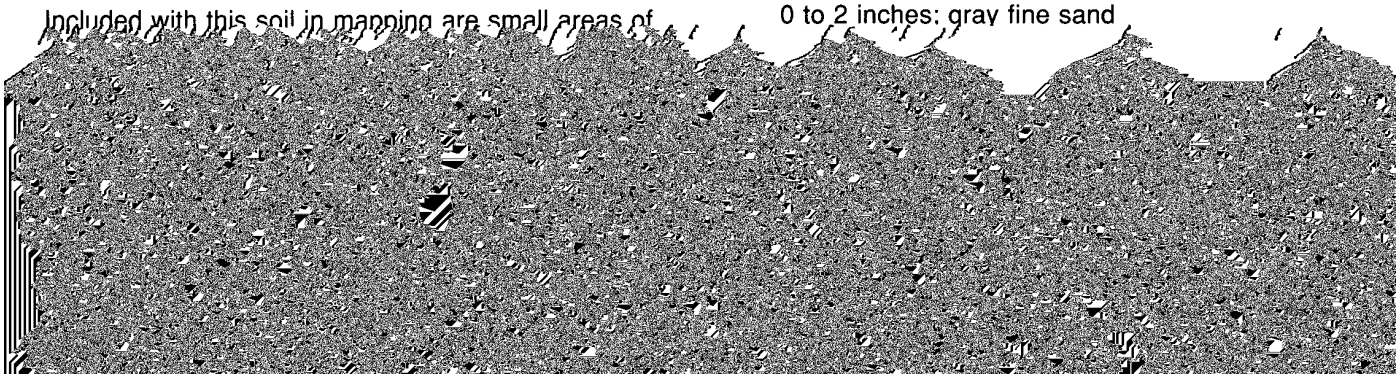
If this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities, the instability of ditchbanks and trench walls and seepage are the main limitations. Sandiness and summer droughtiness are the main limitations affecting recreational development. This sandy soil provides a good support base for most structures. Unprotected sandy surfaces are subject to wind erosion. Lawns and shrubs are difficult to establish and maintain because of the leaching of plant nutrients and droughtiness. Irrigation, additions of organic material, and frequent applications of fertilizer can improve the growth of lawns.

The capability subclass is IIIs, and the woodland group is 6S.

BmB—Baymeade-Urban land complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes. About 50 percent of this unit is a well drained Baymeade soil; 30 percent is covered by buildings, streets, and parking lots; and the rest includes soil that has been disturbed during urban development.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of the Baymeade soil are:

Surface layer:
0 to 2 inches; gray fine sand



loam that has light gray mottles and thin layers of fine sand

Substratum:

56 to 80 inches; light gray fine sand that has brown mottles and thin layers of loamy fine sand

Infiltration is rapid in the Baymeade soil, and surface runoff is slow. Permeability is moderately rapid, and available water capacity is low. The soil is strongly acid or medium acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The seasonal high water table is 4 to 5 feet below the surface.

The Urban land consists of areas where the original soil has been cut, filled, graded, or paved. Most soil properties have been so altered that a soil series is not recognized. This land is used for apartment complexes, parking lots, or other areas where buildings are closely

generally dissected by shallow, narrow tidal channels. They commonly range from 50 to 300 acres in size, but a few are more than 1,000 acres in size. The areas are not easily accessible, and observations were not so detailed as those in most other map units.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:

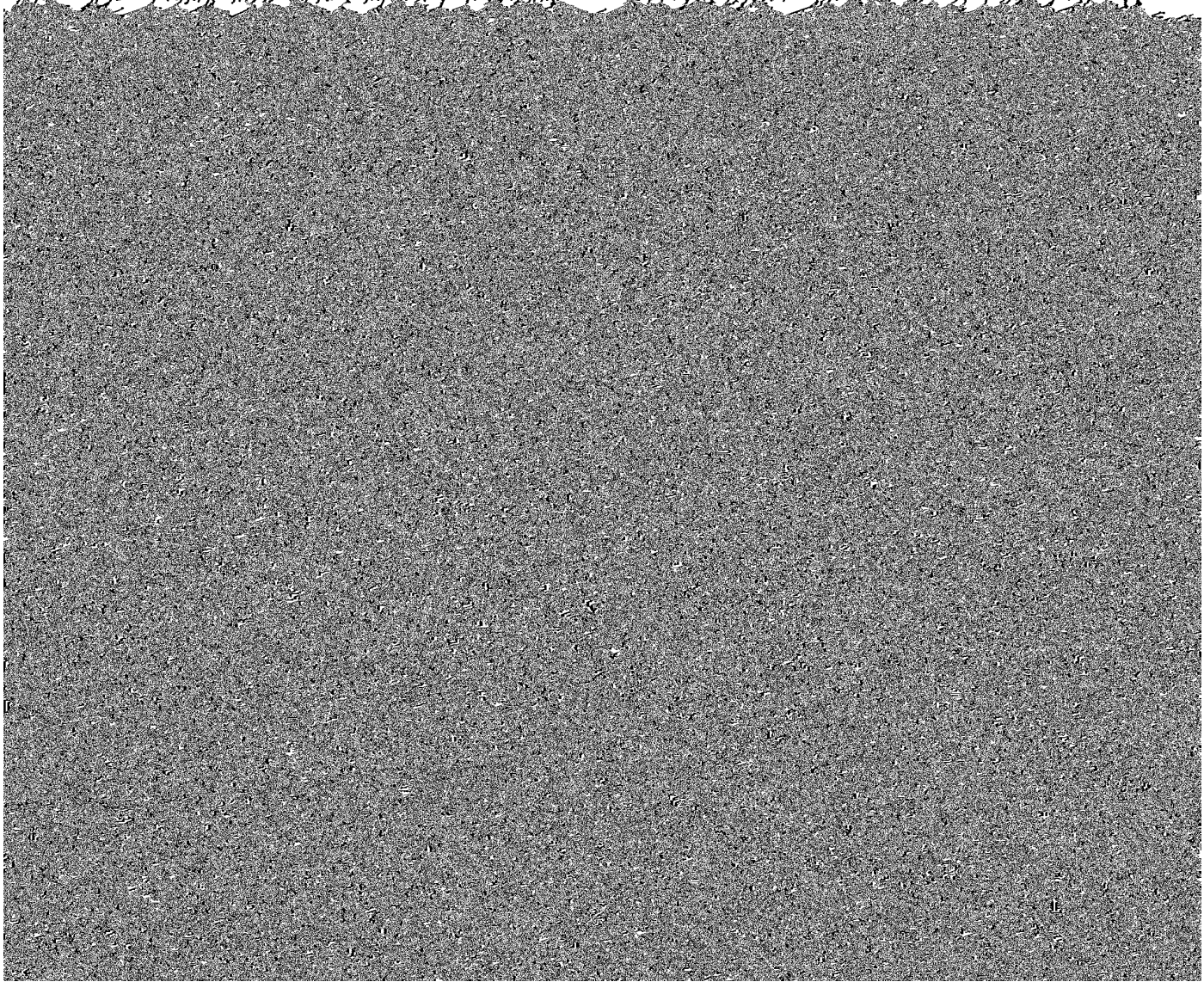
0 to 8 inches; dark gray silty clay loam

Substratum:

8 to 38 inches; dark gray silty clay that has pockets of silt loam

38 to 60 inches; gray loamy sand

Internal drainage is very slow. The shrink-swell potential is high. The soil has a very low supporting



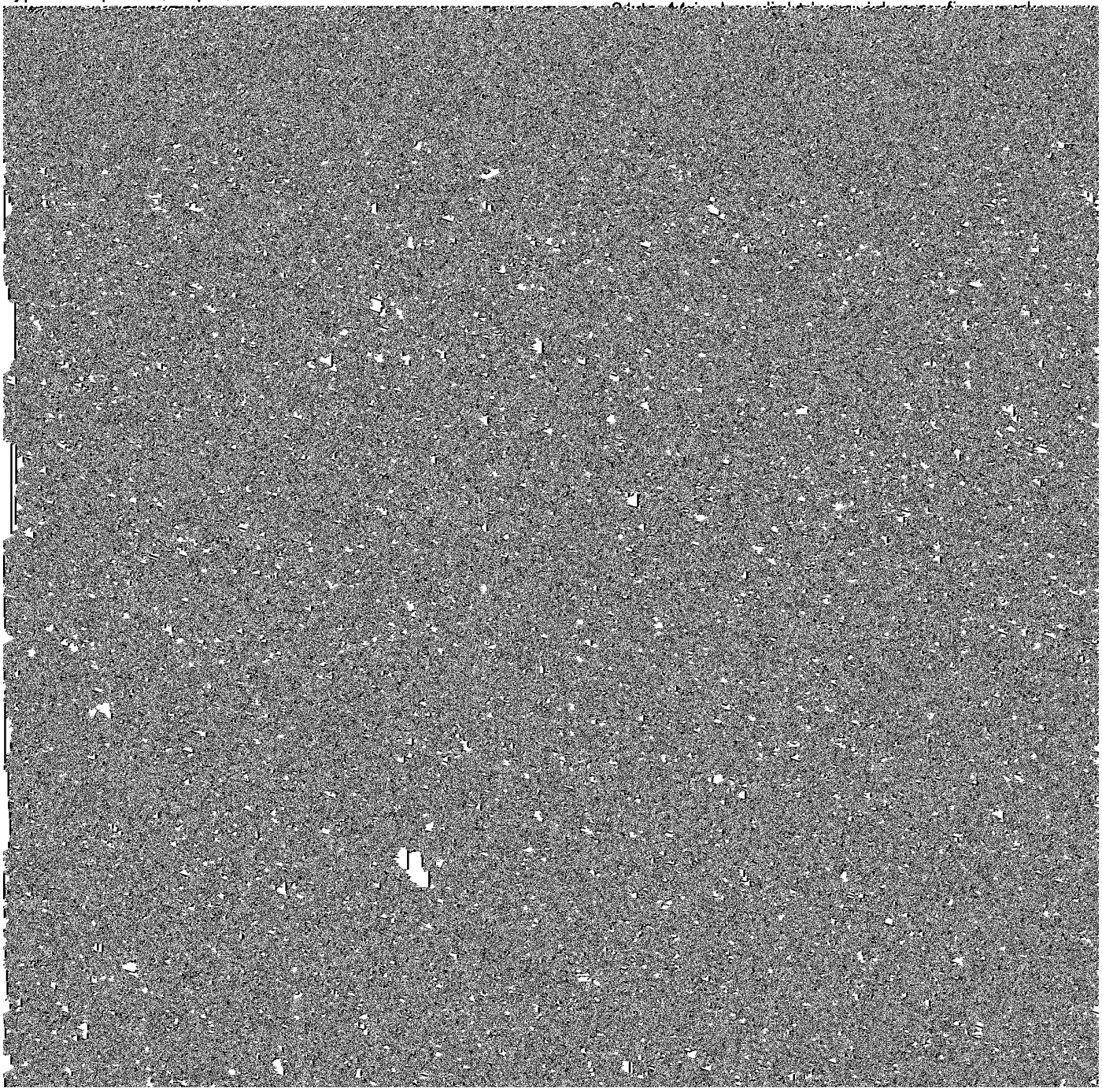
Waterway and Topsail Island. Individual areas vary in shape and are generally dissected by shallow, narrow tidal channels. They range from 20 to 100 acres in size. The areas are not easily accessible, and observations were not so detailed as those in most other map units.

Typically, this soil is covered with about 7 inches of slightly decomposed plant litter and live roots. The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:
0 to 1 inch; pale brown fine sand

Substratum:
1 to 8 inches; very pale brown fine sand
48 to 21 inches; pale brown fine sand



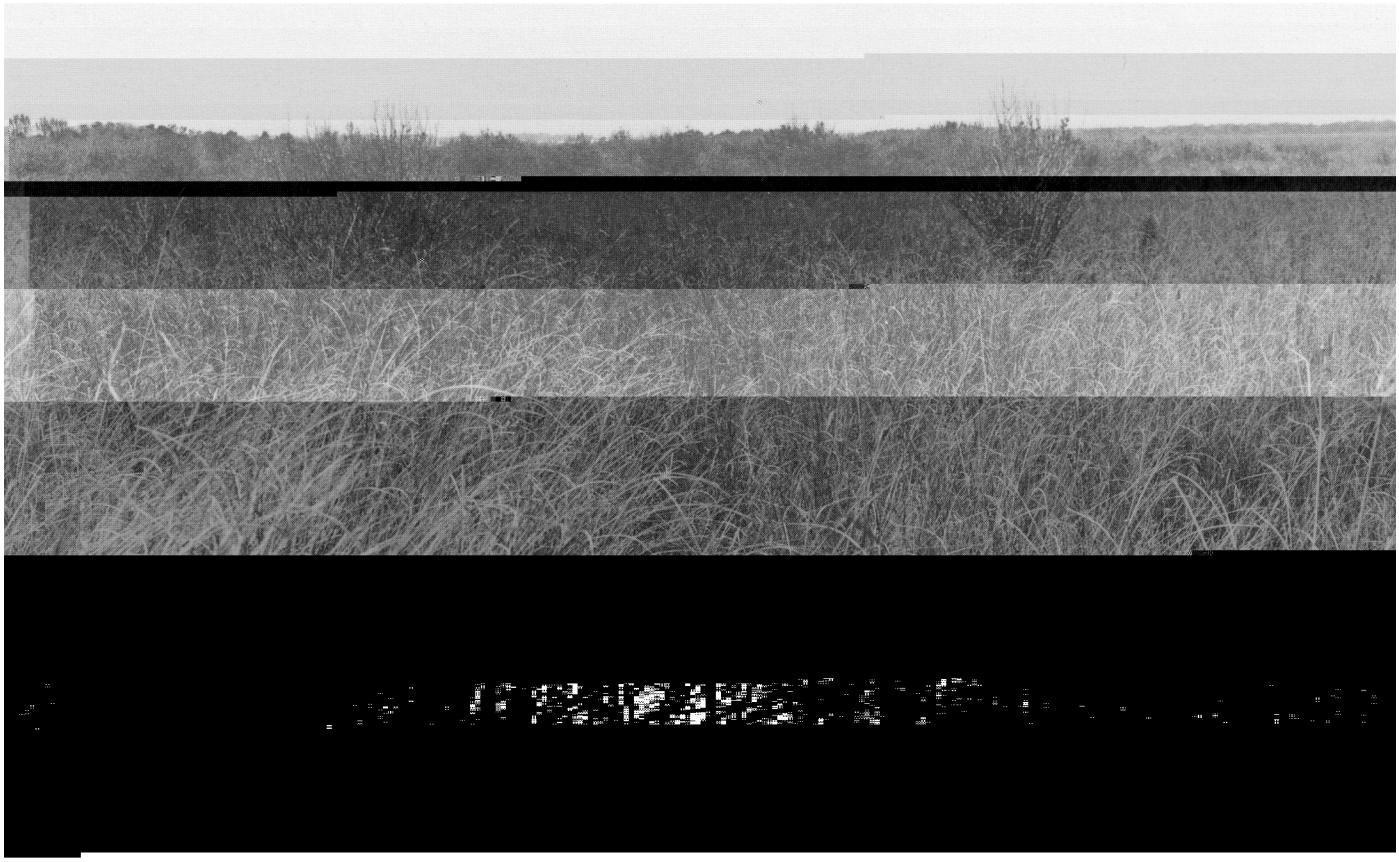


Figure 4.—Black needlerush and eastern baccharis in an area of Carteret fine sand. These are among the typical native plants in tidal marshes in Onslow County.

Surface layer:
0 to 8 inches; grayish brown fine sandy loam

Subsoil:
8 to 11 inches; brownish yellow clay loam
11 to 20 inches; brownish yellow clay mottled with strong brown
20 to 34 inches; light yellowish brown clay mottled with light brownish gray and red
34 to 48 inches; gray clay mottled with light yellowish brown, red, and strong brown
48 to 55 inches; gray clay loam mottled with yellowish brown and red

Substratum:
55 to 80 inches; gray sandy loam that has light gray and reddish brown mottles and lenses of loamy sand and sandy clay

Infiltration is moderately slow, and surface runoff is medium in cultivated areas. Permeability is slow, and available water capacity is moderate. The shrink-swell potential also is moderate. The soil is very strongly acid or strongly acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The seasonal high water table is at a depth of 2 to 3 feet.

Included with this soil in mapping are small areas of

Goldsboro, Lenoir, and Norfolk soils. Goldsboro soils are moderately well drained and are in scattered areas. They are in landscape positions similar to those of the Craven soil. Lenoir soils are somewhat poorly drained and are on the outer edge of interstream areas. Norfolk soils are well drained and are near drainageways. The included soils make up about 15 percent of this unit.

About half of the acreage of this unit is used as cropland. The rest is used as woodland.

In cultivated areas the major crops are corn, soybeans, and tobacco. Surface runoff, slow permeability, and a seasonal high water table are the main limitations affecting the use of this soil for crops. Surface grading and contour cultivation help to control erosion. Additions of plant nutrients, crop residue management, field borders, and cover crops are suitable measures on this soil.

In the wooded areas, the dominant trees are loblolly pine, sweetgum, southern red oak, white oak, and yellow poplar. Other native trees are American holly, flowering dogwood, red maple, hickory, coast azalea, sourwood, waxmyrtle, blueberry, greenbrier, and persimmon. Some areas have been bedded and planted to loblolly pine. Fertilizer is applied in some areas. The use of equipment is limited during seasonal wet periods, mainly in winter. Logging during these periods results in the formation of deep ruts, poor surface drainage, and lower productivity. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, turkey, raccoon, fox, rabbit, bobcat, opossum, and birds.

Wetness, slow permeability, and the moderate shrink-swell potential are limitations if this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities. Because the subsoil shrinks and swells as a result of changes in moisture, foundations should be designed so that they can resist cracking. If unprotected by a plant cover, the soil is very susceptible to accelerated erosion. Wetness and slow permeability are the main limitations affecting recreational development.

The capability subclass is IIIe, and the woodland group is 8W.

CrC—Craven fine sandy loam, 4 to 8 percent slopes. This moderately well drained soil is on uplands. It is near large drainageways and on short side slopes. Individual areas are long and narrow. They range from 5 to about 50 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:

0 to 8 inches; grayish brown fine sandy loam

Subsoil:

8 to 11 inches; brownish yellow clay loam

11 to 20 inches; brownish yellow clay mottled with strong brown

20 to 34 inches; light yellowish brown clay mottled with light brownish gray and red

34 to 48 inches; gray clay mottled with light yellowish brown, red, and strong brown

48 to 55 inches; gray clay loam mottled with yellowish brown and red

Substratum:

55 to 80 inches; gray sandy loam that has light gray and reddish brown mottles and lenses of loamy sand and sandy clay

Infiltration is moderately slow, and surface runoff is rapid. Permeability is slow, and available water capacity is moderate. The shrink-swell potential also is moderate. The soil is very strongly acid or strongly acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The seasonal high water table is at a depth of 2 to 3 feet.

Included with this soil in mapping are scattered small areas of Marvyn and Goldsboro soils. These soils are in landscape positions similar to those of the Craven soil. Also included are some areas that have slopes of more than 8 percent, a few areas of eroded Craven soils that have a surface layer of clay loam, and some small areas of Muckalee soils in narrow drainageways. The included soils make up about 20 percent of this unit.

Most of the acreage of this unit is used as woodland. The rest is used as cropland or pasture.

In the wooded areas, the dominant trees are loblolly pine, southern red oak, white oak, and yellow poplar. Other native trees are American holly, sweetgum, red maple, flowering dogwood, hickory, black cherry, and persimmon. Some small areas have been bedded and planted to loblolly pine. Fertilizer is applied in some areas. The use of equipment is limited during seasonal wet periods, mainly in winter. Logging during these periods results in the formation of deep ruts, poor surface drainage, and lower productivity. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, turkey, raccoon, fox, rabbit, bobcat, opossum, and birds.

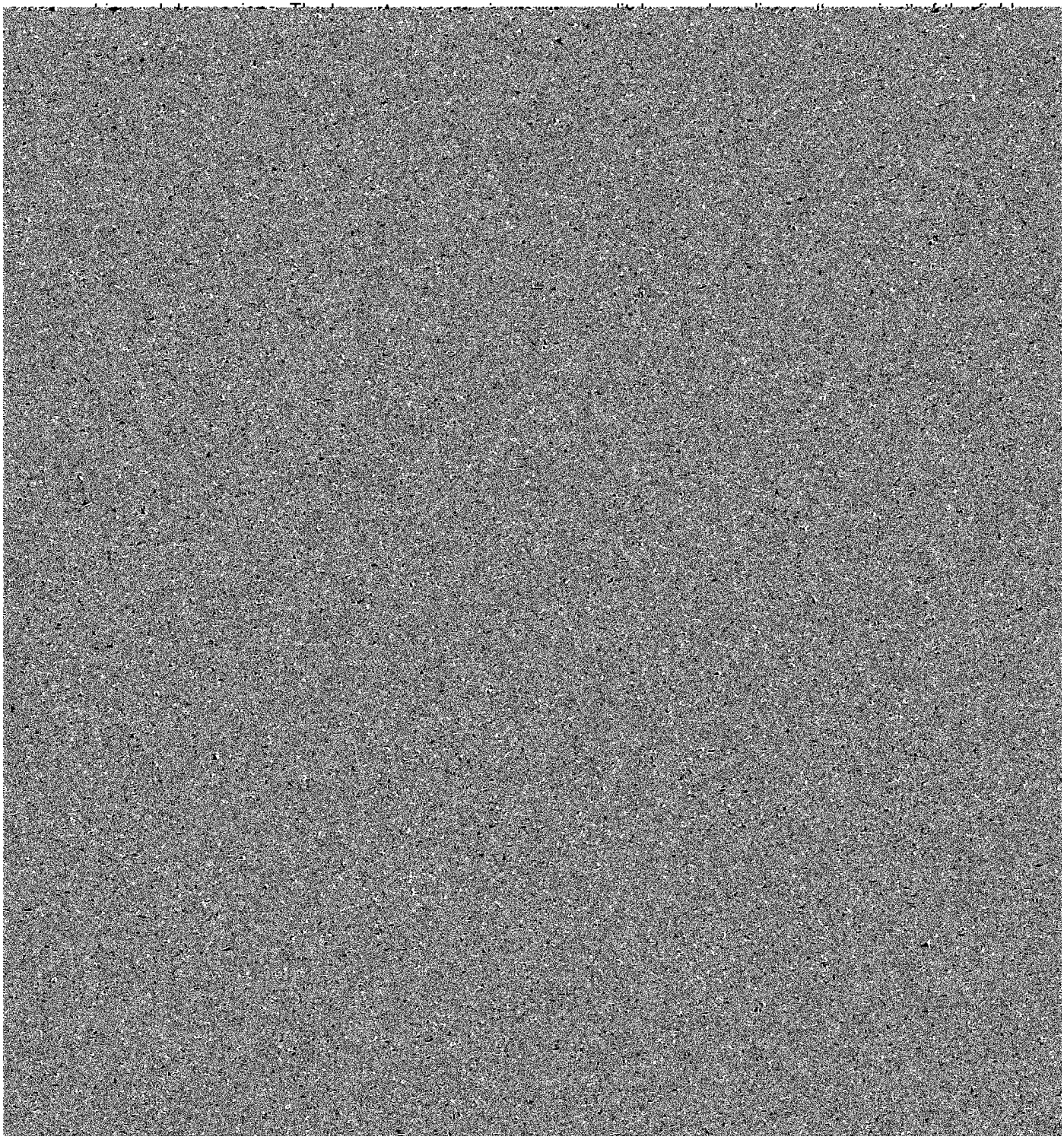
If this soil is used for cultivated crops, the short slopes and rapid runoff are limitations. Contour cultivation and crops that provide close ground cover are needed to control erosion.

Wetness, slow permeability, and the moderate shrink-swell potential are the main limitations if this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities. Because the subsoil shrinks and swells as a result of changes in moisture, foundations should be designed so that they can resist cracking. If unprotected by a plant cover, the soil is very susceptible to accelerated erosion. The slope is the main limitation affecting recreational development.

The capability subclass is IVe, and the woodland group is 8W.

Ct—Croatan muck. This nearly level, very poorly drained soil is on uplands. It is in broad interstream

If drained, this soil can be used for corn and soybeans. The seasonal high water table, which restricts aeration of plant roots, is a limitation. A well planned and constructed drainage system can lower the water table. The drainage system commonly requires



because of wetness, low strength in the organic layers, and flooding.

The capability subclass is VIIw, and the woodland group is 7W.

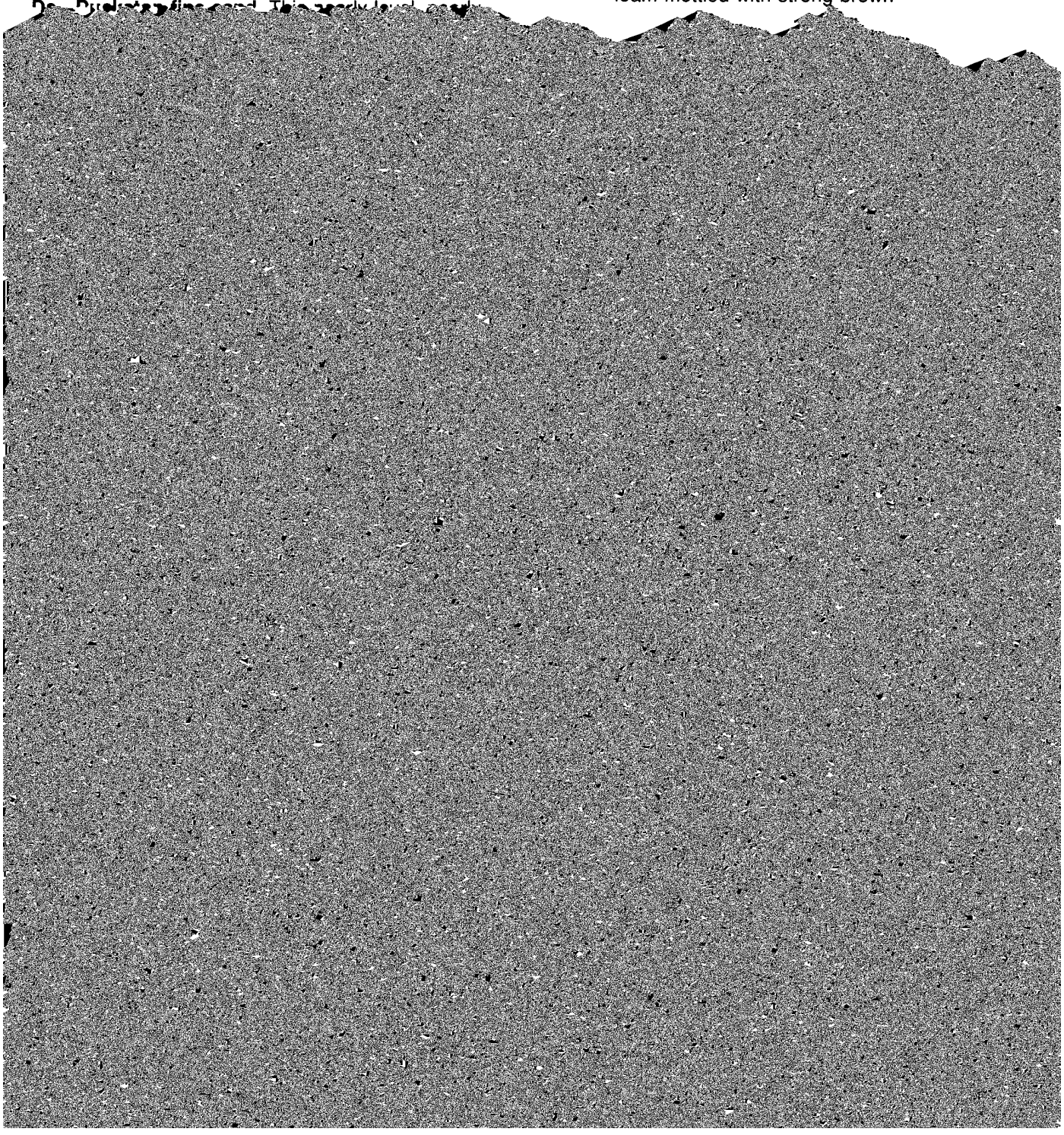
Dr—Dunbar sandy loam. This nearly level poorly

Surface layer:

0 to 6 inches; dark gray loamy fine sand

Subsurface layer:

6 to 12 inches; light yellowish brown fine sandy loam mottled with strong brown



raccoon, fox, rabbit, bobcat, opossum, birds, and other wildlife.

Wetness is the main limitation affecting building site development, sanitary facilities, and recreational development. The instability of ditchbanks and trench walls and seepage are additional problems. The wetness can be reduced by installing a drainage system that includes tile and open ditches. Land grading can improve surface drainage.

The capability subclass is IIw, and the woodland group is 9W.

GoA—Goldsboro fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes. This moderately well drained soil is on uplands. It is on slightly convex divides. Individual areas are long and vary in width. They range from 15 to about 100 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Most of the acreage of this unit is used as cropland (fig. 5). The rest is used for woodland or building site development.

In cultivated areas the major crops are corn, soybeans, and tobacco. Wetness is the main limitation. A drainage system reduces the wetness and improves aeration in the lower part of the root zone. A suitable drainage system includes tile and open ditches. Grading the fields can improve surface drainage. Additions of plant nutrients, crop residue management, and cover crops increase crop production.

In the wooded areas, the dominant trees are loblolly pine, yellow poplar, sweetgum, and American sycamore. Other native trees are American holly, flowering dogwood, hickory, black cherry, persimmon, southern red oak, and white oak. The understory includes American holly, gallberry, coast azalea, sourwood, flowering dogwood, huckleberry, persimmon, waxmyrtle, blueberry, and greenbrier. Some large areas

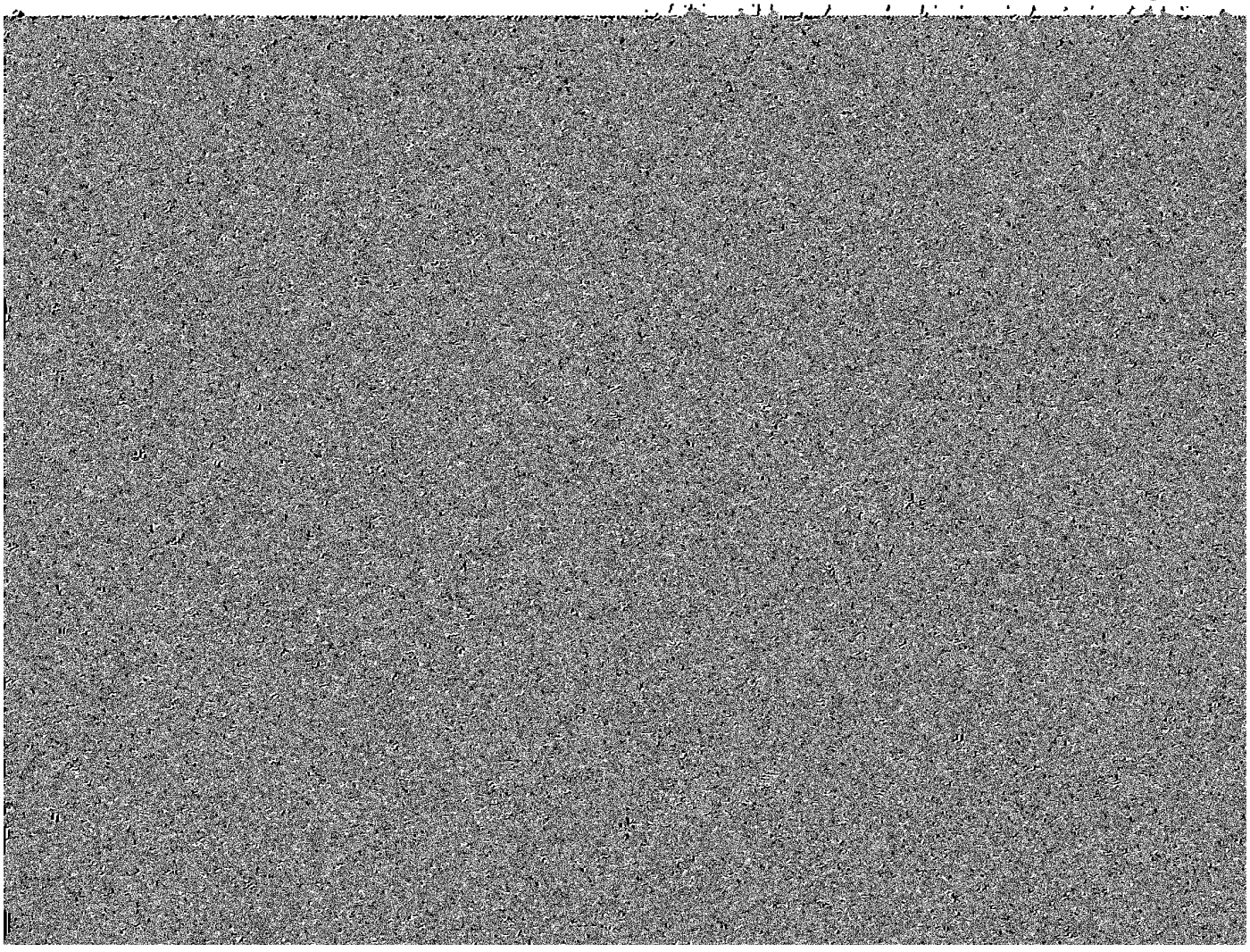
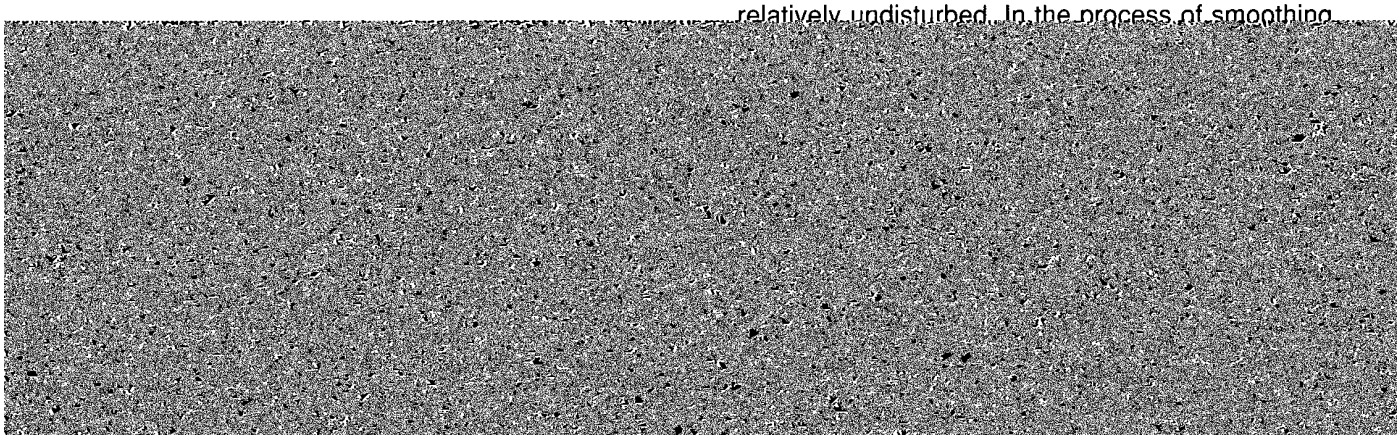


Figure 5.—Goldsboro fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is well suited to truck crops, such as these sweet potatoes.

40 to 60 inches; light gray sandy clay loam mottled with red and strong brown
60 to 68 inches; light gray sandy clay loam that has brownish yellow and strong brown mottles and thin layers of sandy loam

recognized. This land is used for apartment complexes, parking lots, or for other areas where buildings are closely spaced or the soil is covered with pavement. The slope generally has been modified. The extent of site modification varies greatly. Many areas are relatively undisturbed. In the process of smoothing

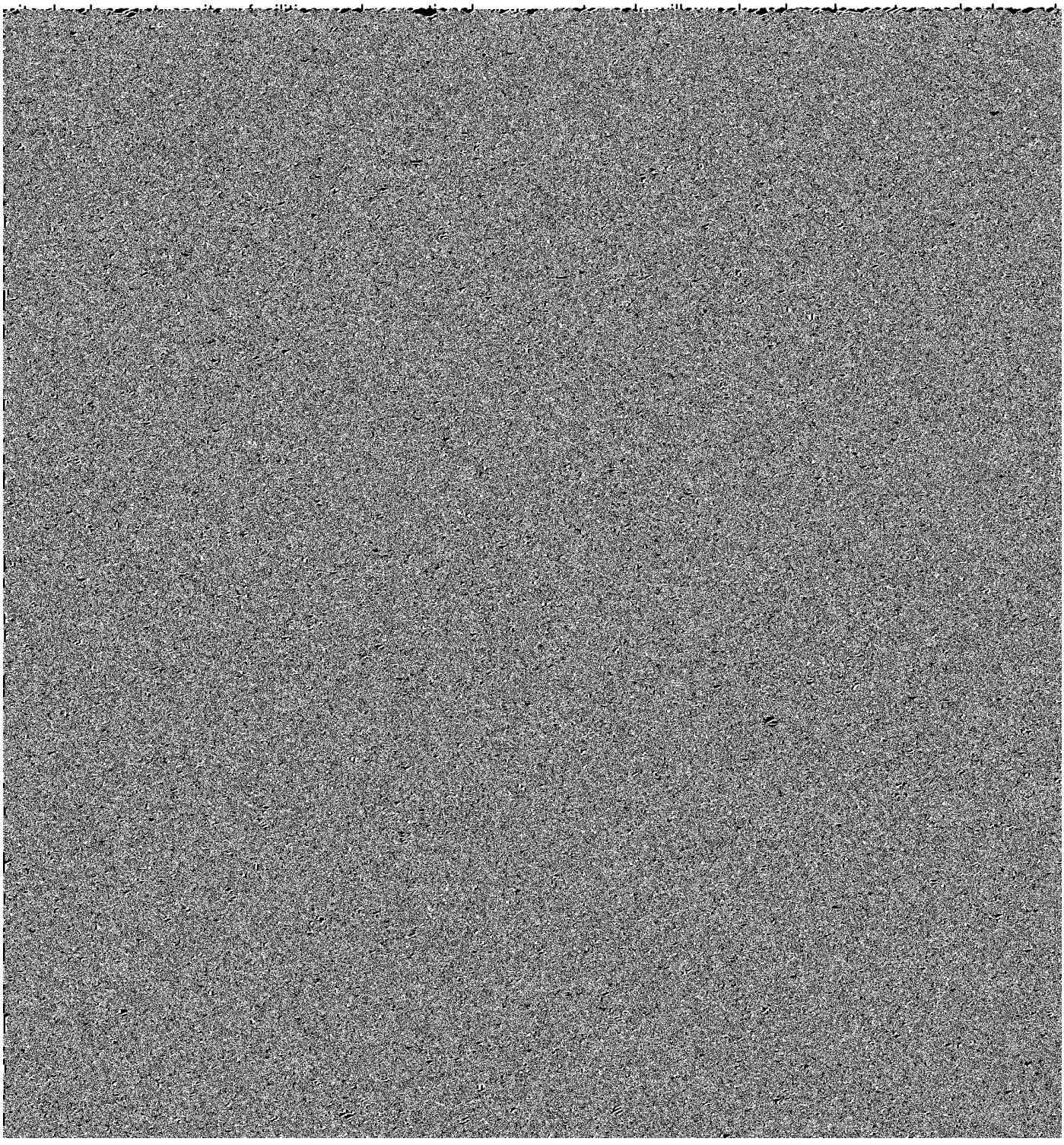


well drained, clayey Craven soils are on the steep side slopes along drainageways.

In most places drainage systems were installed as building site development progressed. In undrained areas seasonal wetness is a limitation affecting building

Most of the acreage of this unit is used as woodland. A small acreage is used as cropland.

In the wooded areas, the dominant trees are loblolly pine, cherrybark oak, white oak, eastern cottonwood, water tupelo, and sweetgum. Other native trees are



Infiltration is rapid, and surface runoff is slow. Permeability is rapid, and available water capacity is very low. The soil ranges from very strongly acid to neutral. The seasonal high water table is below a depth of 6 feet.

Included with this soil in mapping are scattered small areas of Alpin and Wando soils. These soils are in landscape positions similar to those of the Kureb soil. Also included are small areas of Baymeade, Leon, and Murville soils. The well drained Baymeade and somewhat poorly drained Leon soils are in narrow depressions, and the very poorly drained Murville soils are in narrow drainageways. The included soils make up about 15 percent of this unit.

Nearly all of the acreage of this unit is used as woodland. The vegetation generally is a sparse cover of drought-tolerant plants (fig. 6). The trees are longleaf pine, turkey oak, bluejack oak, blackjack oak, and live oak. The understory includes pineland threeawn, panicgrass, and sassafras. Because of droughtiness, seedling mortality is a problem. Poor traction on the sandy surface limits the use of equipment. The soil generally does not provide food and cover for wildlife.

Droughtiness, the leaching of plant nutrients, and wind erosion limit the use of this soil for crops.

The only major limitation affecting building site development is the instability of cutbanks. Lawn grasses are difficult to establish because of severe droughtiness and the leaching of plant nutrients. Seepage and a poor filtering capacity in the subsoil are limitations on sites for sanitary facilities. Loose sand is

This soil is used as habitat for marine and wetland wildlife. The vegetation is adapted to extreme wetness, flooding, and exposure to salt. Big cordgrass, cattail, alder, swamp dock, rose pogonia, saltgrass, grass pink, black needlerush, and sphagnum moss are dominant. Sparse stands of baldcypress, water tupelo, and redbay grow in the areas adjacent to uplands. Areas of this soil provide habitat for raccoon, deer, river otter, marsh rabbits, and alligators. The birds that inhabit these areas are clapper rail, sora rail, cattle egret, American egret, blue heron, and black duck.

Generally, this soil is not used for cropland, woodland, building site development, sanitary facilities, or recreational development. Wetness, flooding, and low strength are the main limitations.

The capability subclass is VIIIw. A woodland group has not been assigned.

Le—Lenoir loam. This nearly level, somewhat poorly drained soil is in interstream areas on uplands. Most of the acreage is northwest of Belgrade. Individual areas are irregular in shape and range from 15 to about 200 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:
0 to 4 inches; dark gray loam

Subsurface layer:
4 to 7 inches; brown fine sandy loam mottled with dark grayish brown

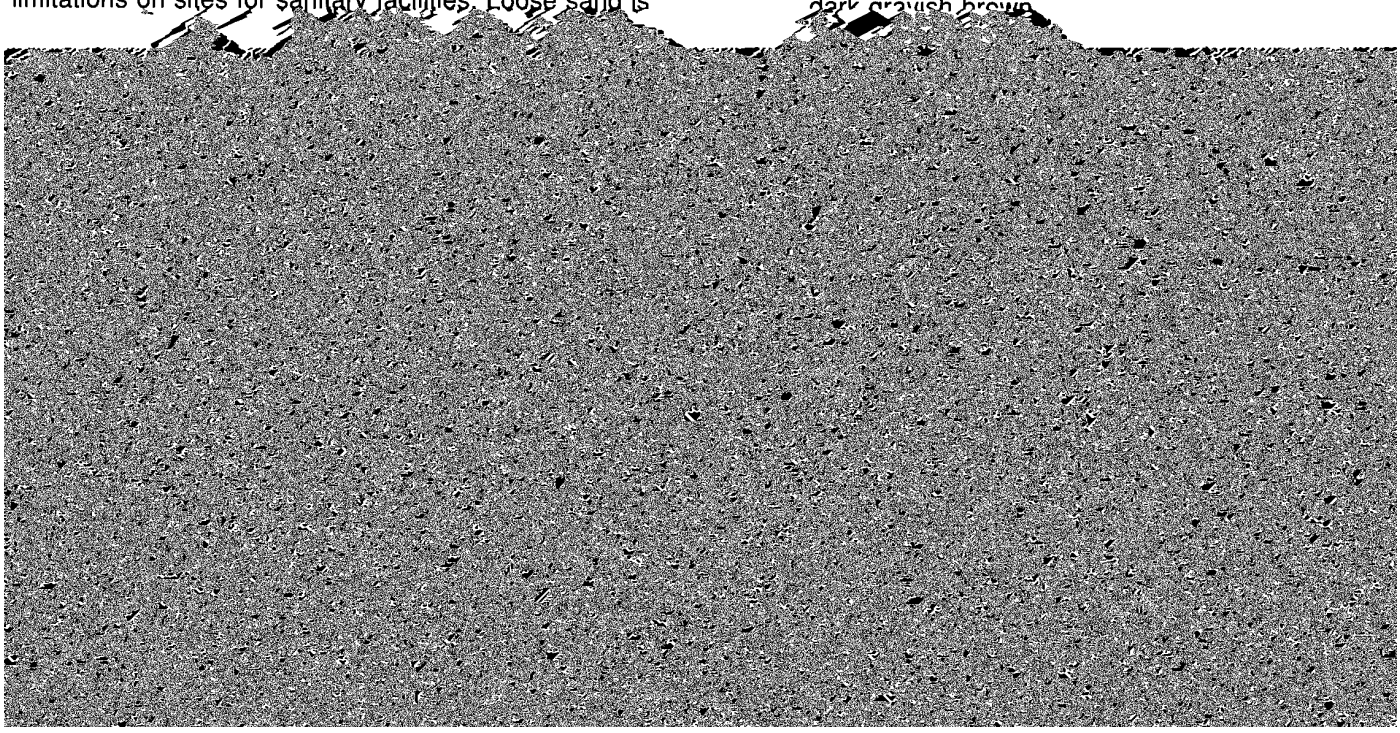


Figure 6.—The cover of plants, such as longleaf pine and turkey oak, is sparse on Kureb fine sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes. Droughtiness is the main limitation affecting the use of this soil.

limed. The seasonal high water table is 1.0 foot to 2.5 feet below the surface during wet periods in winter.

Included with this soil in mapping are scattered small areas of Lynchburg soils. These soils are in landscape positions similar to those of the Lenoir soil. Also included are poorly drained, clayey soils in small, shallow depressions and the moderately well drained Craven soils near drainageways. The included soils make up about 15 percent of this unit.

Most of the acreage of this unit is used as woodland. A small acreage is used as cropland.

In the wooded areas, the dominant trees are loblolly pine, sweetgum, and American sycamore. Other native trees are water oak, willow oak, red maple, and eastern redcedar. The understory includes American holly, gallberry, coast azalea, honeysuckle, sourwood, flowering dogwood, sweet pepperbush, switchcane, waxmyrtle, blueberry, and greenbrier. Some areas have been bedded and planted to loblolly pine. Fertilizer is applied in some areas. The use of equipment is limited during seasonal wet periods. Seedling mortality is a limitation. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, raccoon, fox, rabbit, bobcat, opossum, birds, and other wildlife.

If drained, this soil can be used for crops. Wetness and slow permeability are the main limitations. A well planned and constructed surface drainage system helps to control runoff, but the slow permeability limits internal drainage. Additions of plant nutrients, crop residue management, bedding, and cover crops help to maintain tilth.

The seasonal high water table, the moderate shrink-swell potential in the clayey subsoil, and slow permeability are the main limitations if this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities. The wetness can be somewhat reduced by a drainage system that includes open ditches. Land grading can improve surface drainage. Because the subsoil shrinks and swells as a result of changes in moisture, foundations should be designed so that they can resist

cracking. Seasonal wetness is the main limitation affecting recreational development.

The capability subclass is IIIw, and the woodland group is 9W.

Ln—Leon fine sand. This nearly level, poorly drained soil is on uplands. Individual areas are irregular in shape and range from 20 to 800 acres in size. The largest areas occur as broad interstream areas in the southwestern part of the county.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:
0 to 5 inches; dark gray fine sand

Subsurface layer:
5 to 17 inches; light gray fine sand

Subsoil:
17 to 51 inches; dark reddish brown, weakly cemented fine sand
51 to 59 inches; grayish brown fine sand
59 to 95 inches; black, weakly cemented fine sand

Infiltration is rapid, and surface runoff is slow

If this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities, wetness, seepage, and the instability of cutbanks are the main limitations. Wetness and the sandy surface material are the main limitations affecting recreational development.

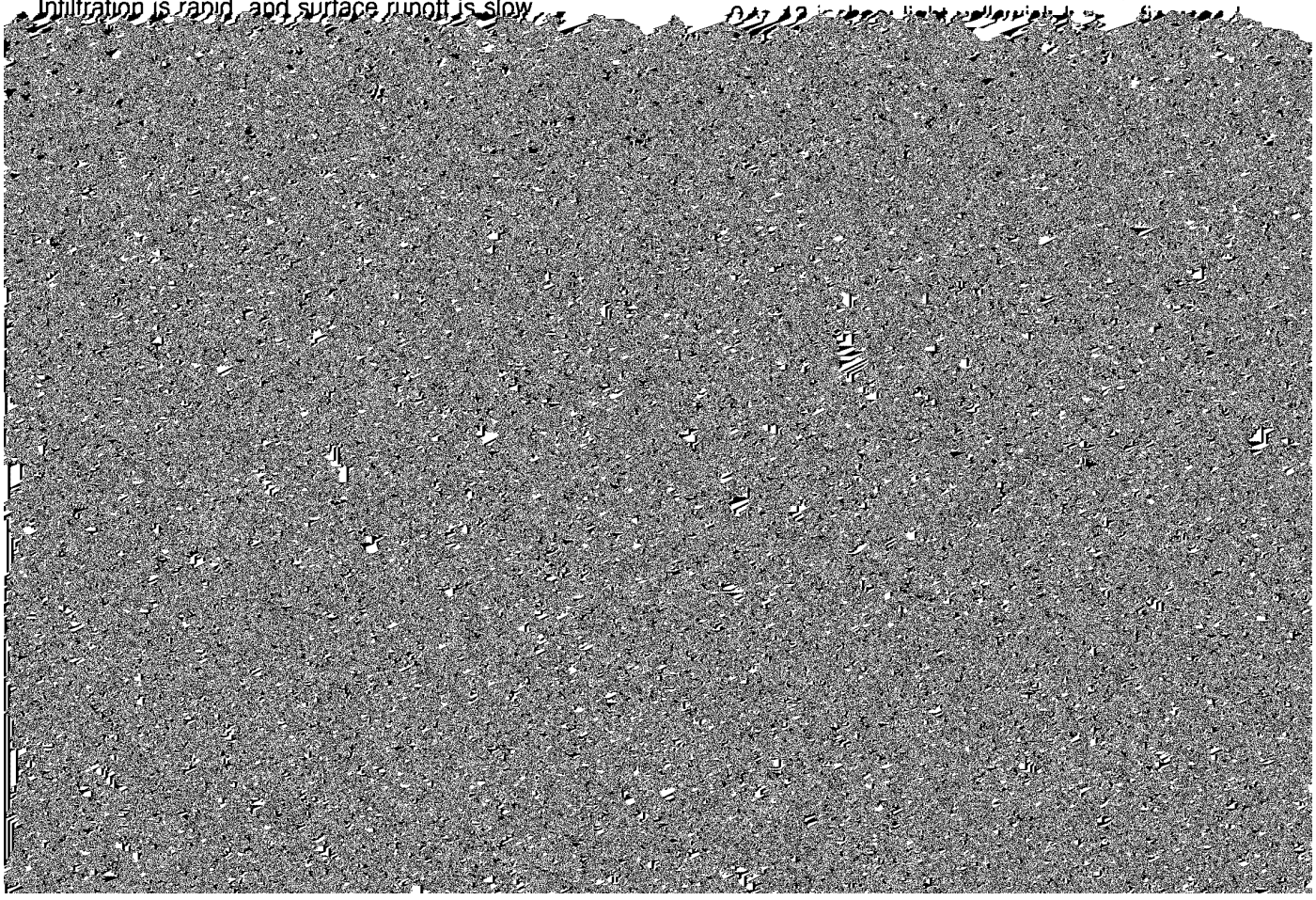
The capability subclass is IVw, and the woodland group is 8W.

Ly—Lynchburg fine sandy loam. This nearly level, somewhat poorly drained soil is on uplands. It is in broad interstream areas near shallow drainageways and in shallow depressions on slightly convex divides. The largest areas occur as interstream areas. They range from 200 to about 500 acres in size. The smaller areas are in shallow depressions. They range from 5 to 10 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:
0 to 6 inches; dark gray fine sandy loam

Subsurface layer:
6 to 9 inches; pale brown fine sandy loam
9 to 12 inches; light yellowish brown fine sandy



If drained, this soil can be used for corn and soybeans. Wetness is the main limitation (fig. 7). A well planned and constructed drainage system helps to lower the water table. The drainage system commonly requires tile and open ditches. Grading the fields can improve surface drainage. Additions of plant nutrients, crop residue management, and cover crops are suitable measures on this soil.

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Infiltration is moderate, and surface runoff is medium. Permeability and available water capacity are moderate. The soil is very strongly acid or strongly acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The seasonal high water table is 3 to 5 feet below the surface.

Included with this soil in mapping are areas of soils that have short slopes of more than 15 percent and scattered small areas of eroded soils on the upper part of side slopes. Also included are some areas of soils that are similar to the Marvyn soil but have a thicker surface layer and are on toe slopes; scattered small areas of Craven soils, which are in landscape positions similar to those of the Marvyn soil; and areas of the poorly drained Muckalee soils in narrow drainageways. The included soils make up about 20 percent of this unit.

Most of the acreage of this unit is used as woodland. A few areas are used for building site development or pasture.

In the wooded areas, the major trees are loblolly pine, longleaf pine, southern red oak, white oak, and hickory. The understory includes American holly, flowering dogwood, persimmon, blueberry, black cherry, and greenbrier. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, squirrel, turkey, fox, quail, and other wildlife.

This soil is generally not used as cropland because of the slope and a severe hazard of erosion in areas that are not protected by vegetation.

The slope is the major limitation affecting building site development, sanitary facilities, and recreational development. Other soil properties generally favor these uses.

The capability subclass is IVe, and the woodland group is 9A.

MkA—Masontown mucky fine sandy loam. This nearly level, very poorly drained soil is on flood plains. Nearly all of the acreage is northwest of Belgrade, on the banks of the White Oak River. Individual areas are long and vary in width. They range from 50 to 200 acres in size. The areas are not easily accessible, and observations were not so detailed as those in most other units.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:

0 to 18 inches; very dark gray mucky fine sandy loam

18 to 28 inches; very dark gray mucky fine sandy loam that has grayish brown mottles and thin layers of fine sand

MaC—Marvyn loam... slopes. This well drain... near large drainagewa... are long and narrow an... acres in size.

The typical sequence... layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:

0 to 4 inches; brown...

Subsurface layer:

4 to 8 inches; pale...

Subsoil:

8 to 12 inches; stro...

12 to 26 inches; br...

26 to 45 inches; br... has pale brown s...

Substratum:

45 to 52 inches; gra... strong brown and... fine sandy loam

52 to 75 inches; ligh... and strong brown...

sandy loam, sandy clay loam, and sand

Figure 7.—Water ponds for short periods after rainstorms on Lynchburg fine sandy loam. If drained, however, the soil can be used for crops, such as corn and soybeans.

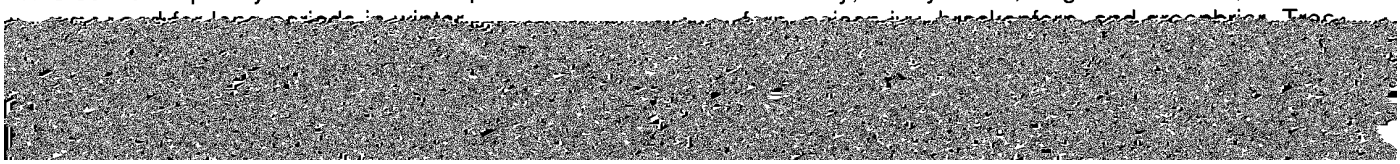
Substratum:

28 to 48 inches; dark gray fine sandy loam that has grayish brown mottles

48 to 65 inches; gray fine sand

Infiltration is moderate, and surface runoff is very slow. Permeability is moderately rapid. The soil ranges from medium acid to mildly alkaline. The seasonal high water table is at or near the surface most of the year. This soil is frequently flooded for brief periods in

Nearly all of the acreage of this unit is used as woodland. The major canopy trees are sweetgum, blackgum, yellow poplar, swamp tupelo, water tupelo, swamp chestnut oak, red maple, willow oak, water oak, pond pine, American elm, green ash, and baldcypress. The understory includes redbay, sweetbay, American holly, river birch, black willow, American hornbeam, gallberry, sweet pepperbush, fetterbush lyonia, sundew, Venus flytrap, pitcherplant, switchcane, waxmyrtle, blueberry, honeysuckle, Virginia chainfern, cinnamon



rabbit, bobcat, opossum, mink, otter, squirrels, birds, and other wildlife.

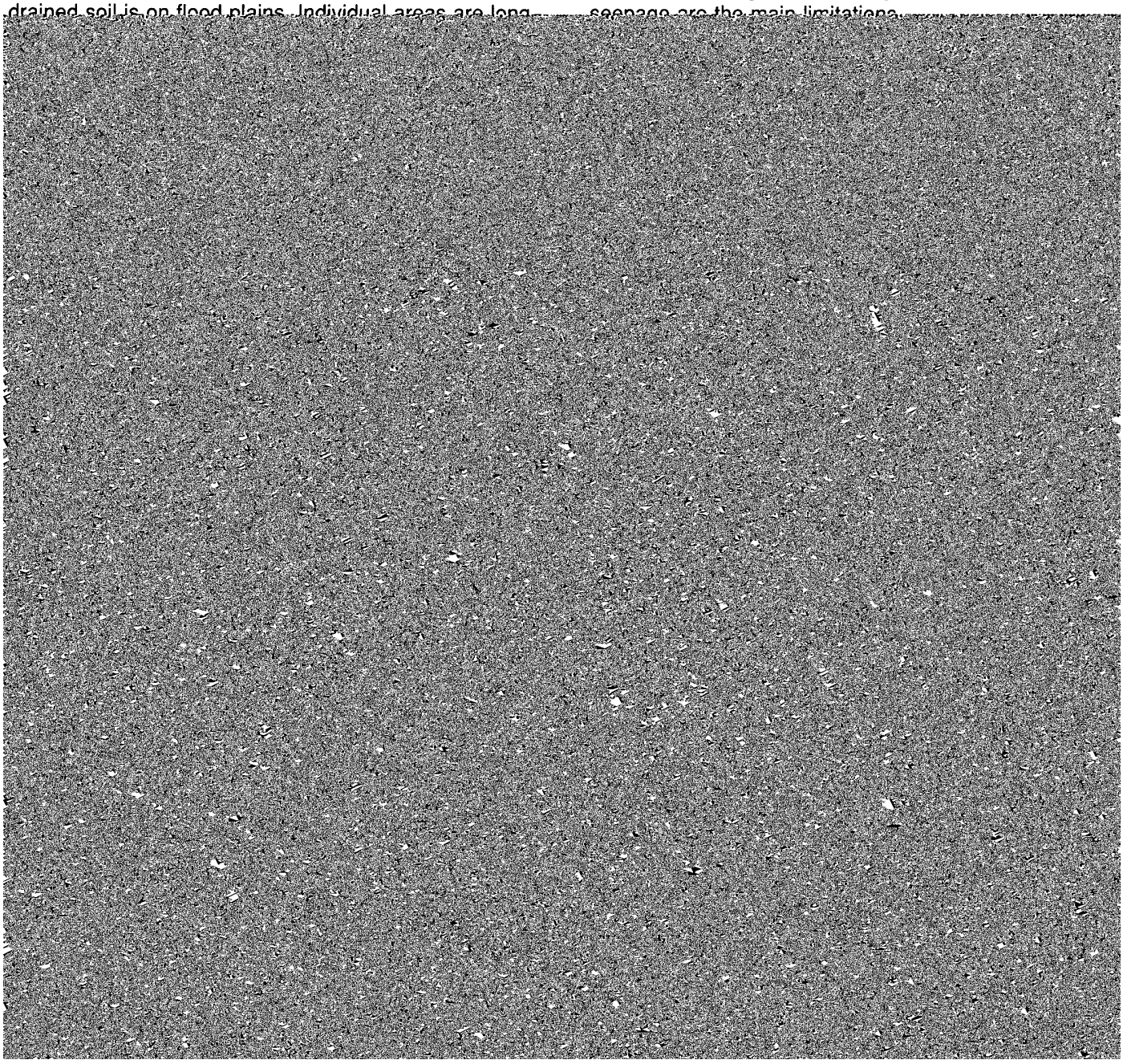
This soil generally is not used for farming, woodland plantations, building site development, sanitary facilities, or recreational development because of wetness, flooding, and low strength.

The capability subclass is VIIw, and the woodland group is 7W.

Mk—Muckalee loam. This nearly level, poorly drained soil is on flood plains. Individual areas are long

blueberry, honeysuckle, Virginia chainfern, cinnamon fern, poison ivy, brackenfern, and greenbrier. Tree growth is excellent. Because of wetness and flooding, however, managing this soil for timber production is difficult. These wetland areas provide habitat for deer, raccoon, fox, rabbit, bobcat, opossum, mink, otter, squirrels, birds, and other wildlife.

This soil generally is not used for cropland, building site development, or recreational development. Wetness, flooding, the instability of cutbanks, and seepage are the main limitations.



In the wooded areas, the dominant trees are pond pine, loblolly pine, and water tupelo. Other native trees are water oak, willow oak, red maple, loblollybay gordonia, sweetbay, and baldcypress. The understory includes redbay, gallberry, titi, southern bayberry, sweet pepperbush, waxmyrtle, blueberry, Venus flytrap, pitcherplant, sundew, and greenbrier. Some areas have been bedded and planted to loblolly pine. Fertilizer is applied in some areas. The use of equipment is limited during seasonal wet periods. Seedling mortality is a management concern because of the wetness. Some areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, raccoon, fox, rabbit, bobcat, opossum, birds, and other wildlife.

Drained areas of this soil are used mainly for corn or soybeans. Wetness is the main limitation. A well planned and constructed drainage system can lower the water table. The drainage system commonly requires open ditches and grading or "crowning" of the fields. Additions of plant nutrients, crop residue management, bedding, and cover crops are suitable measures on this soil.

This soil generally is not used for building site development, sanitary facilities, or recreational development. Wetness, seepage, ponding, and the instability of ditchbanks are the main limitations.

The capability subclass is Vw, and the woodland group is 6W.

maps. The included areas make up about 25 percent of this unit.

Most areas of the Newhan soil are covered with salt-tolerant grasses and shrubs (fig. 8). Some areas are sites for beach cottages and recreational development.

The dominant vegetation is American beachgrass, crown sedge, eastern baccharis, saltmeadow cordgrass, searocket, seaoats, smooth cordgrass, bitter panicum, bluestem, seaside goldenrod, live oak, eastern redcedar, waxmyrtle, yucca, and other species that tolerate salt spray, windblown sand, and droughtiness.

This soil is not suited to commercial tree production. Tree growth is minimal, and timber production is not feasible. Some areas provide habitat for deer, raccoon, loggerhead turtle, cottontail rabbit, eastern brown pelican, and bobwhite.

This soil is not used as cropland. The landscape position, salt spray, and droughtiness are the main limitations.

If this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities, the instability of ditchbanks and trench walls, seepage, and the slope are the main limitations. Wind erosion is a severe hazard in areas that do not have a plant cover. It can be controlled by revegetating disturbed areas around construction and road sites as soon as possible. Some areas are subject to erosion by ocean waves. A plant cover is difficult to

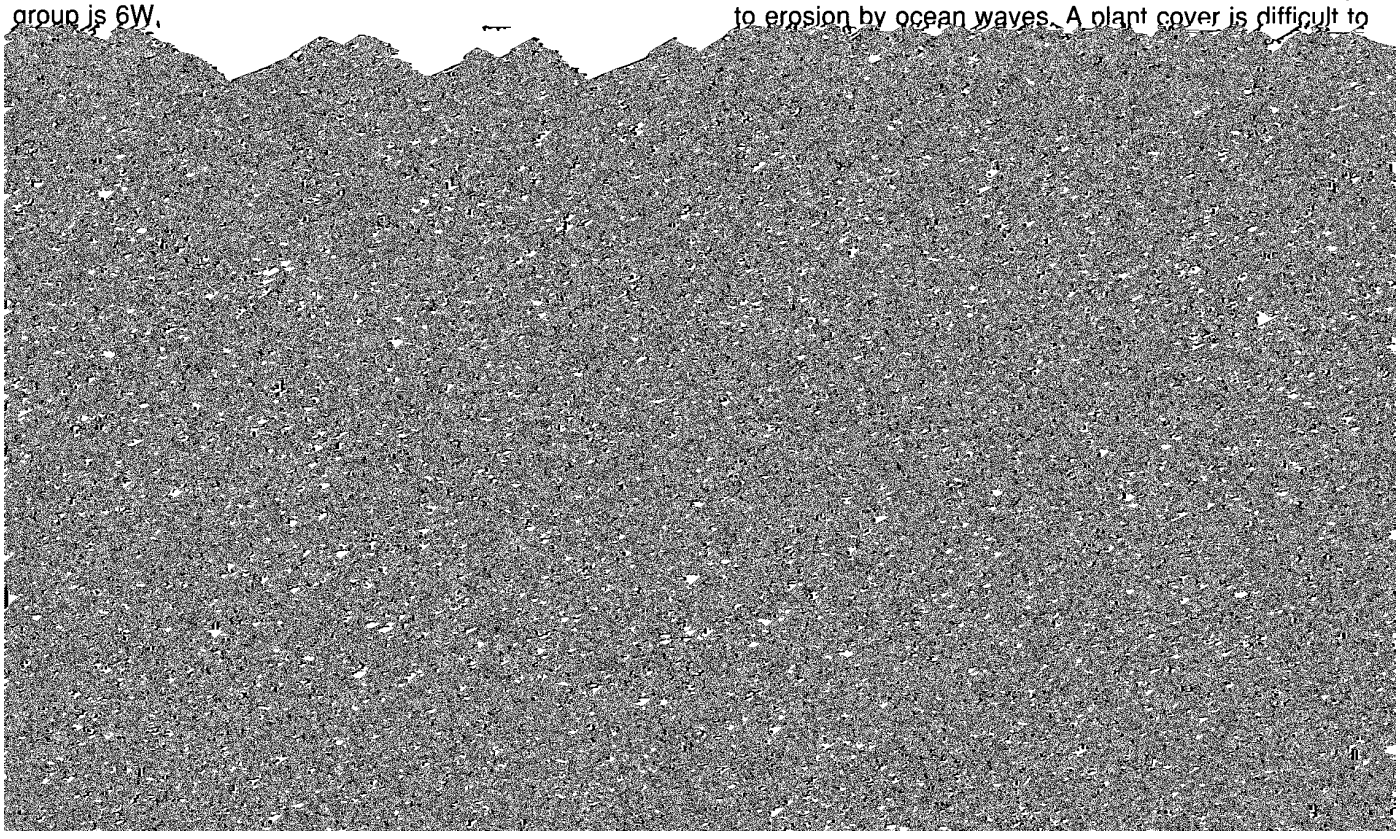


Figure 8.—Seaoats and American beachgrass on Newhan fine sand, 0 to 30 percent slopes.

0 to 36 inches; light gray fine sand

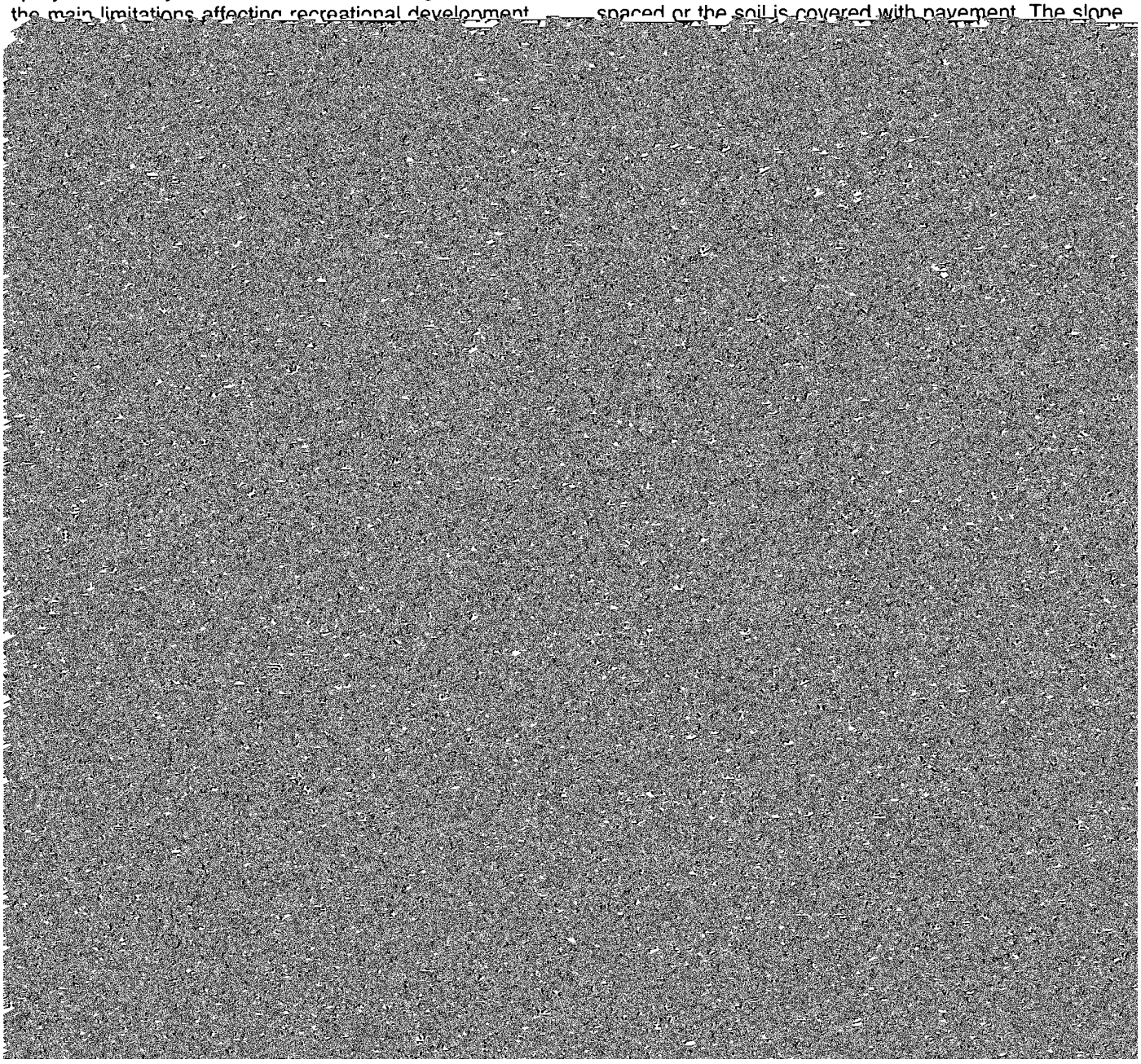
up about 20 percent of this unit.

restrictions limit the use of most areas.

If this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities, the instability of ditchbanks and trench walls, seepage, and wind erosion are the main limitations. Areas that do not have a plant cover are subject to severe wind erosion. Vegetating dredge spoil areas as soon as possible helps to control wind erosion. Some areas are subject to erosion by waves. A plant cover is difficult to establish and maintain because of droughtiness, the leaching of plant nutrients, and salt spray. The sandy texture and summer droughtiness are the main limitations affecting recreational development.

In the undisturbed areas, infiltration is high and permeability is very rapid. As a result, almost no rainwater runs off the surface. The Newhan soil is neutral or mildly alkaline throughout, and the Corolla soil is medium acid to mildly alkaline throughout. The Corolla soil is subject to rare flooding in low areas.

The Urban land consists of areas where the original soil has been cut, filled, graded, or paved. Most soil properties have been so altered that a soil series is not recognized. This land is used for apartment complexes, parking lots, or other areas where buildings are closely spaced or the soil is covered with pavement. The slope



25 to 68 inches; brownish yellow sandy clay loam that has mottles in shades of brown, red, and gray
68 to 80 inches; mottled light gray, brownish yellow, and yellowish red sandy clay loam

Infiltration is moderate, and surface runoff is slow. Permeability and available water capacity are moderate. This soil is very strongly acid or strongly acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The seasonal high water table is 3.5 to 6.0 feet below the surface.

Included with this soil in mapping are small areas that have slopes of more than 2 percent and a few small areas of soils that have a surface layer of fine sandy loam or loam. Also included are small areas of Autryville soils and scattered areas of the moderately well drained Goldsboro and Foreston soils. Autryville soils are in small areas near drainageways. Their surface layer is thicker than that of the Norfolk soil. Goldsboro and Foreston soils are in landscape positions similar to those of the Norfolk soil. The included soils make up about 15 percent of this unit.

Most areas of this unit are used as cropland. A small acreage is used for building site development or woodland.

In cultivated areas the major crops are tobacco, corn, and soybeans. Additions of plant nutrients improve crop production. Minimum tillage, inclusion of cover crops and grasses and legumes in the cropping system, and crop residue management conserve moisture.

In the wooded areas, the dominant trees are loblolly pine, hickory, southern red oak, and white oak. The understory includes American holly, flowering dogwood, persimmon, poison ivy, grape, huckleberry, blueberry, black cherry, and greenbrier. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, rabbit, fox, quail, and other wildlife.

If this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities, the high water table during wet periods is a limitation. No major limitations affect recreational development.

The capability class is I, and the woodland group is 9A.

NoB—Norfolk loamy fine sand, 2 to 6 percent slopes. This well drained soil is on uplands. It is in convex areas near large drainageways. Individual areas

Subsurface layer:
6 to 10 inches; pale brown loamy fine sand

Substratum:
10 to 25 inches; yellowish brown sandy clay loam
25 to 68 inches; brownish yellow sandy clay loam that has mottles in shades of brown, red, and gray
68 to 80 inches; mottled light gray, brownish yellow, and yellowish red sandy clay loam

Infiltration is moderate, and surface runoff is medium. Permeability and available water capacity are moderate. The soil is very strongly acid or strongly acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The seasonal high water table is 3.5 to 6.0 feet below the surface.

Included with this soil in mapping are small areas of Marvyn soils that have slopes of more than 6 percent and a few small areas of soils that have a surface layer of fine sandy loam or loam. Also included are small areas of Autryville soils and the moderately well drained Goldsboro, Craven, and Foreston soils. Autryville and Craven soils are in small areas near drainageways. Autryville soils have a surface layer that is thicker than that of the Norfolk soil. Goldsboro and Foreston soils are in shallow depressions. The included soils make up about 15 percent of this unit.

Most areas of this unit are used as cropland. A few small areas are used for building site development or woodland.

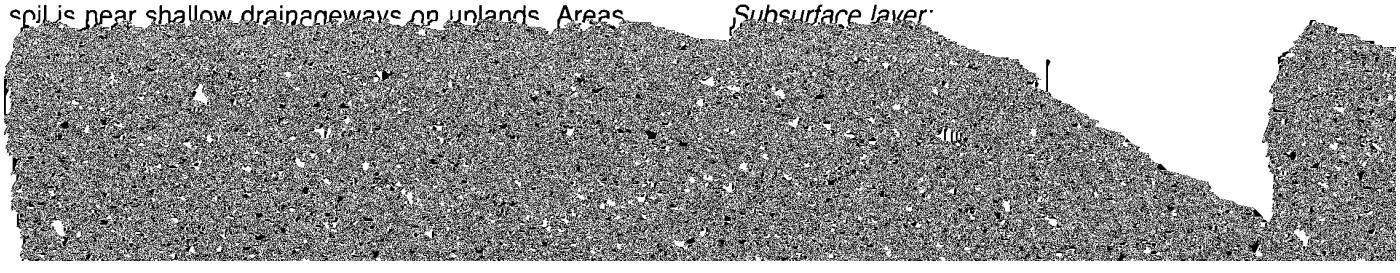
In cultivated areas the major crops are tobacco, corn, and soybeans. Erosion is a hazard if the soil is used for row crops. Additions of plant nutrients, minimum tillage, inclusion of cover crops and grasses and legumes in the cropping system, contour cultivation (fig. 9), and crop residue management reduce the runoff rate and help to control erosion.

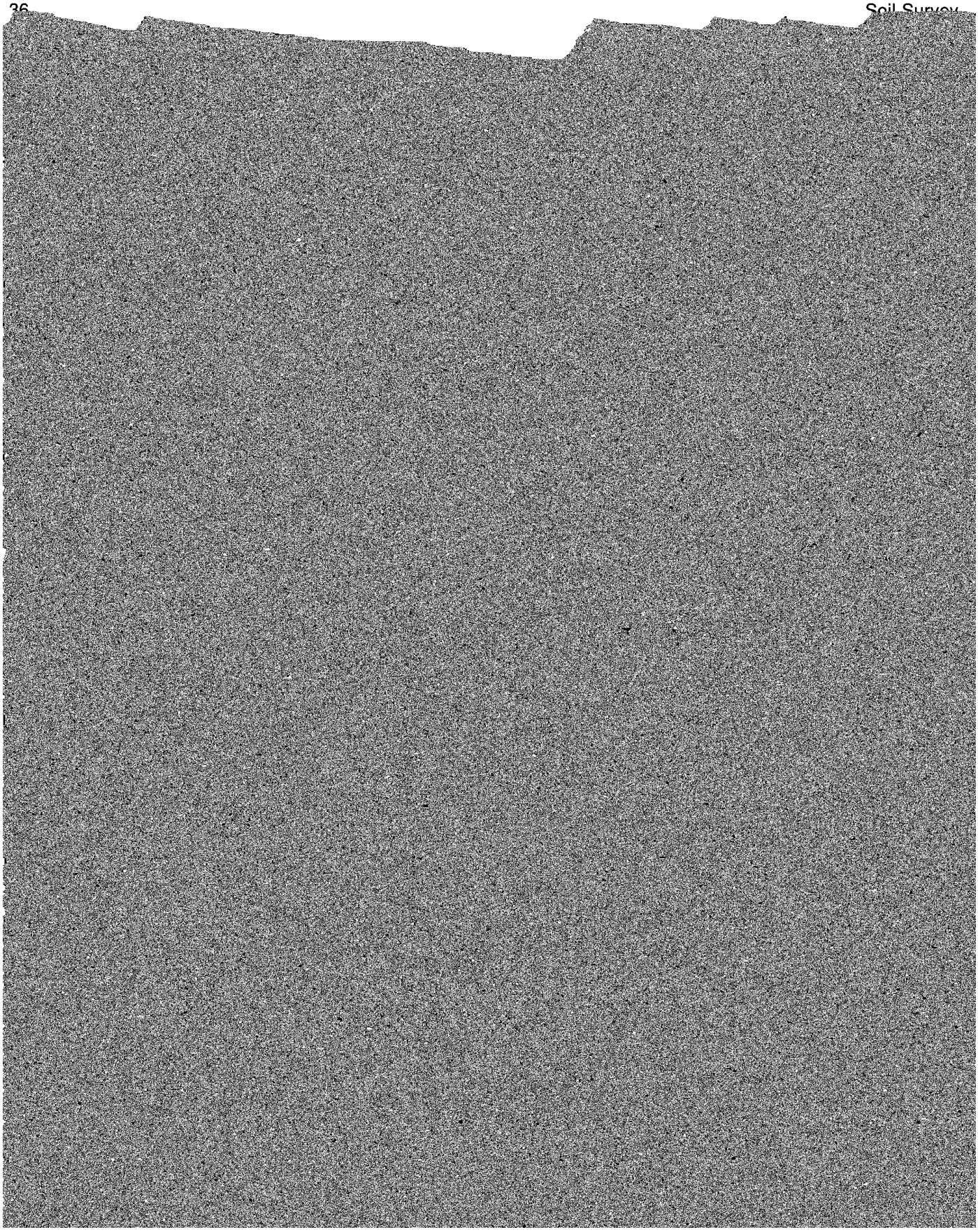
In the wooded areas, the major canopy trees are loblolly pine, longleaf pine, southern red oak, white oak, and hickory. The understory includes American holly, flowering dogwood, persimmon, blueberry, huckleberry, poison ivy, grape, black cherry, and greenbrier. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, rabbit, fox, quail, and other wildlife.

If this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities, the high water table during wet periods is a limitation. If not protected by a plant cover,

Figure 9.—Planting row crops, such as soybeans, on the contour helps to control water erosion on Norfolk loamy fine sand, 2 to 6 percent slopes.

soil is near shallow drainageways on uplands. Areas *Subsurface layer:*





water capacity is a limitation during dry periods. A drainage system may be needed. It commonly includes tile and open ditches. Grading the fields can improve surface drainage. Additions of plant nutrients, crop residue management, and cover crops help to overcome the effects of excessive leaching.

Seasonal wetness, seepage, summer droughtiness, and the instability of ditchbanks and trench walls are the main limitations if this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities. If roads, building foundations, or recreational facilities are constructed, a drainage system may be necessary because of the seasonal high water table. The drainage system commonly includes tile and open ditches. Land grading can improve surface drainage. Wetness and the sandy surface material are the main limitations affecting recreational development.

The capability subclass is IIIs, and the woodland group is 8W.

Pn—Pantego mucky loam. This nearly level, very poorly drained soil is on broad, smooth flats in the uplands. Individual areas are generally broad and range from 50 to about 500 acres in size. The largest areas are in the Hofmann Forest, in the north-central part of the county.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:
0 to 14 inches; black mucky loam

Subsurface layer:
14 to 17 inches; grayish brown fine sandy loam mottled with very dark gray
17 to 23 inches; grayish brown sandy clay loam mottled with very dark gray

Subsoil:
23 to 45 inches; grayish brown sandy clay loam mottled with dark grayish brown
45 to 60 inches; grayish brown sandy clay loam that has brownish yellow mottles and pockets of sandy clay
60 to 70 inches; gray sandy clay loam that has thin layers of sandy clay

Substratum:
70 to 80 inches; dark gray sandy clay loam that has

limed. The organic matter content of the surface layer is high. The seasonal high water table is at or near the surface, and water ponds on the surface in winter.

Included with this soil in mapping are areas of Pantego soils that have a surface layer of fine sandy loam and scattered small areas of Torhunta and Murville soils. Torhunta and Murville soils are in landscape positions similar to those of the Pantego soil. They are sandier than the Pantego soil. Also included are a few areas of the very poorly drained, organic Croatan soils in small depressions and the poorly drained Rains soils near shallow drainageways. The included soils make up about 10 to 20 percent of this unit.

Most areas of this unit are used as woodland. A few areas are used as cropland.

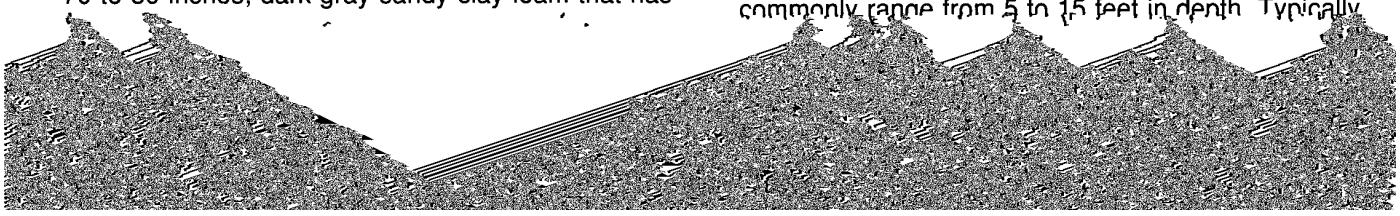
In the wooded areas, the dominant trees are loblolly pine, water oak, red maple, pond pine, water tupelo, and sweetgum. The understory includes redbay, sweetbay, loblollybay gordonia, American holly, gallberry, Venus flytrap, sundew, pitcherplant, southern bayberry, sweet pepperbush, switchcane, waxmyrtle, blueberry, fetterbush lyonia, titi, and greenbrier. Some areas have been drained, cleared, bedded, fertilized, and planted to loblolly pine. Logging during wet periods results in the formation of deep ruts and damage to plant roots. The drained areas provide habitat for deer, raccoon, fox, black bear, rabbit, bobcat, opossum, birds, and other wildlife.

If drained, this soil can be used for corn and soybeans. Wetness is the main limitation. A well planned and constructed drainage system can lower the water table. The drainage system generally requires open ditches and grading or "crowning" of the fields. Additions of plant nutrients, crop residue management, bedding, and cover crops are suitable measures on this soil.

If this soil is used for building site development, sanitary facilities, or recreational development, wetness is the main limitation. It can be reduced by installing a drainage system that includes tile and open ditches. Land grading can improve surface drainage.

The capability subclass is VIw in undrained areas and IIIw in drained areas. The woodland group is 9W.

Pt—Pits. This map unit consists of areas where the soil has been excavated. The excavated areas commonly range from 5 to 15 feet in depth. Typically



Vegetation typically is very sparse on this unit for the first few years following excavation. Later, the unit supports almost pure stands of loblolly pine.

Onsite investigation generally is needed before the development of specific areas.

This unit has not been assigned to a capability subclass or to a woodland group.

Ra—Rains fine sandy loam. This nearly level, poorly drained soil is on uplands. It is an extensive soil in the county. The larger areas occur as broad, smooth interstream areas. They range from 100 to about 500 acres in size. The smaller areas are in shallow depressions on slightly convex divides. They range from 5 to 20 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:
0 to 5 inches; very dark gray fine sandy loam

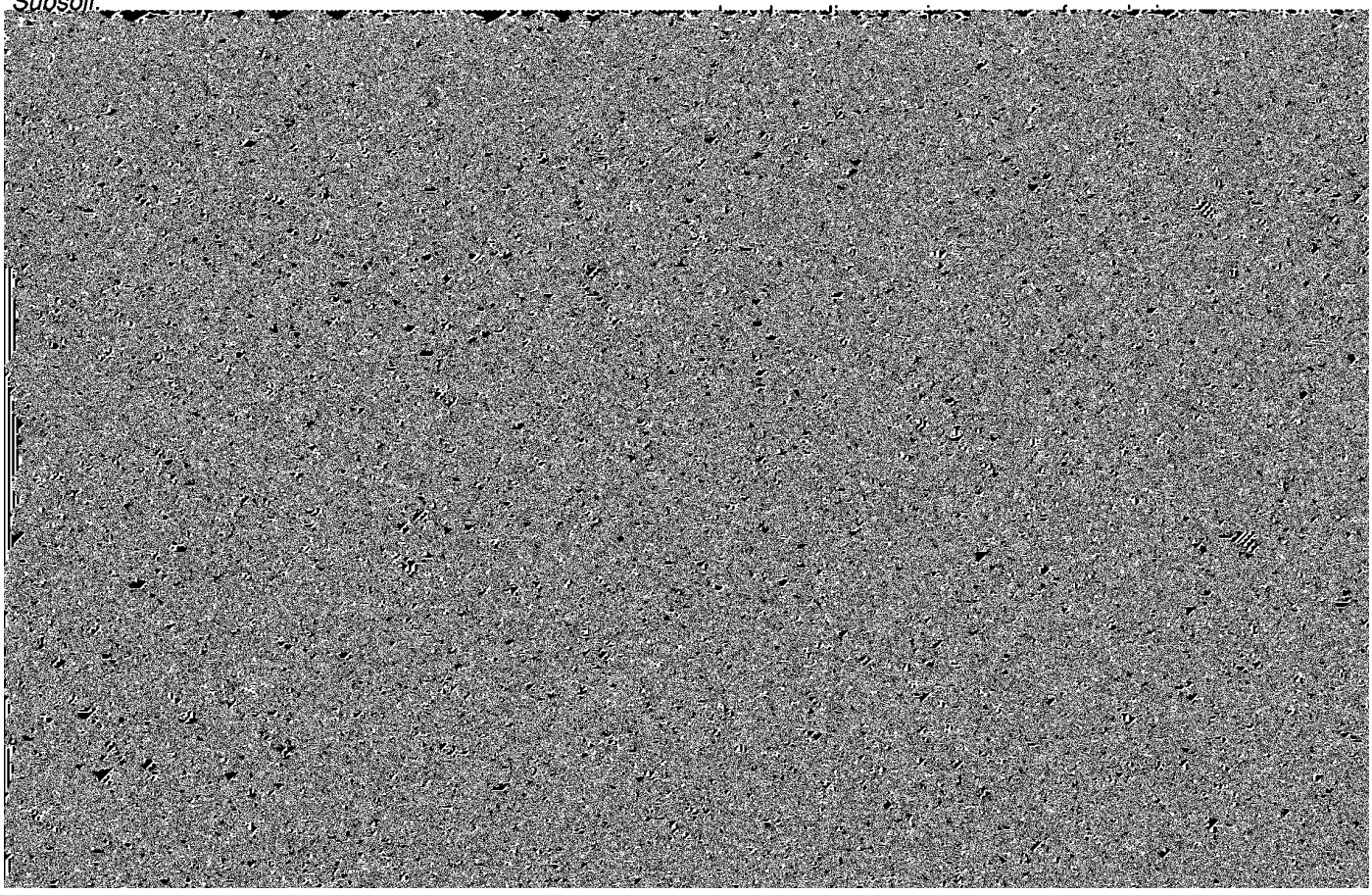
Subsurface layer:
5 to 12 inches; grayish brown fine sandy loam mottled with dark gray

Subsoil:

In the wooded areas, the major canopy trees are loblolly pine, pond pine, sweetgum, blackgum, yellow poplar, swamp chestnut oak, red maple, willow oak, and water oak. The understory includes redbay, sweetbay, American holly, gallberry, sweet pepperbush, fetterbush lyonia, switchcane, waxmyrtle, huckleberry, blueberry, and greenbrier. Some areas have been bedded and planted to loblolly pine. Fertilizer is applied in some areas. Logging during wet periods results in the formation of deep ruts and damage to plant roots. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, raccoon, fox, rabbit, bobcat, opossum, black bear, birds, and other wildlife.

If drained, this soil can be used for corn and soybeans. Wetness is the main limitation. A well planned and constructed drainage system reduces the wetness. The drainage system commonly requires tile and open ditches. Grading the fields can improve surface drainage. Additions of plant nutrients, crop residue management, bedding, and cover crops are suitable measures on this soil.

If this soil is used for building site development, sanitary facilities, or recreational development, wetness is the main limitation. It can be reduced by installing a drainage system that includes tile and open ditches.



Substratum:

66 to 80 inches; mottled brownish yellow, gray, and red sandy clay loam that has thin layers of fine sandy loam

Infiltration is moderate, and surface runoff is slow. Permeability is moderately rapid, and available water capacity is moderate. The soil ranges from extremely acid to strongly acid throughout unless the surface layer has been limed. The seasonal high water table is 1.5 to 2.5 feet below the surface.

Included with this soil in mapping are scattered small areas of Lynchburg and Pactolus soils. These soils are in landscape positions similar to those of the Stallings soil. Also included are small areas of the moderately well drained Foreston and Onslow soils near drainageways along the edge of the unit and areas of Woodington soils in small depressions. The included soils make up about 20 percent of this unit.

Most areas of this unit are used as woodland. The rest are used as cropland.

In the wooded areas, the major canopy trees are loblolly pine, sweetgum, blackgum, southern red oak, white oak, yellow poplar, red maple, willow oak, and water oak. The understory includes American holly, gallberry, sweet pepperbush, coast azalea, sourwood, flowering dogwood, switchcane, waxmyrtle, huckleberry, blueberry, and greenbrier. Some areas have been bedded and planted to loblolly pine. Fertilizer is applied in some areas. Logging during wet periods results in the formation of ruts and damage to plant roots. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, raccoon, fox, rabbit, bobcat, opossum, birds, and other wildlife.

If drained, this soil can be used for crops, such as corn and soybeans. Wetness is the main limitation. A well planned and constructed drainage system reduces the wetness. The drainage system generally requires tile and open ditches. Grading the fields can improve surface drainage. The instability of ditchbanks is a

uplands. Individual areas are generally broad and long. The largest areas are in the west-central and north-central parts of the county. They are about 1,000 acres in size. The smaller areas are generally wide and long and range from 25 to 300 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:

0 to 9 inches; black fine sandy loam

9 to 14 inches; very dark gray fine sandy loam

Subsoil:

14 to 22 inches; dark gray fine sandy loam mottled with very dark gray

22 to 47 inches; grayish brown fine sandy loam mottled with very dark gray

Substratum:

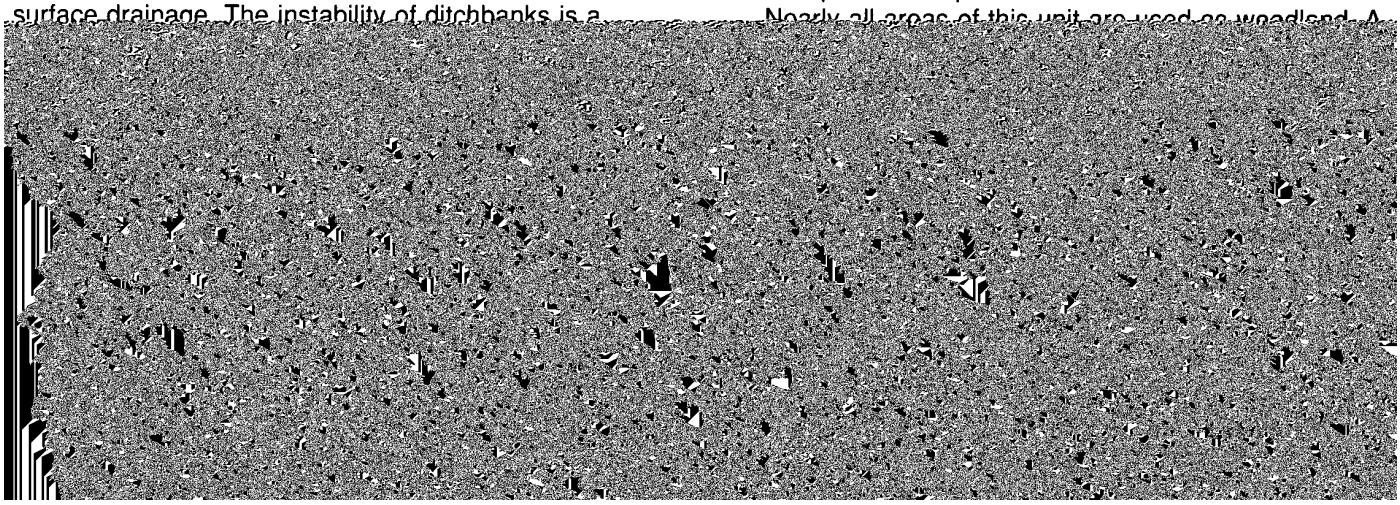
47 to 72 inches; light gray loamy fine sand that has thin layers of sandy clay loam

72 to 80 inches; light greenish gray sandy loam that has thin layers of sandy clay loam

Infiltration is moderate, and surface runoff is slow. Permeability is moderately rapid, and available water capacity is high. The soil is extremely acid or very strongly acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The seasonal high water table is at or near the surface, and water ponds on the surface for brief periods in winter.

Included with this soil in mapping are small areas of Torhunta soils that have a surface layer of mucky fine sandy loam and scattered small areas of the very poorly drained Pantego and Murville soils. Pantego and Murville soils are in landscape positions similar to those of the Torhunta soil. Also included are small areas of Woodington soils on the outer edge of the mapped areas, near shallow drainageways. The included soils make up about 20 percent of this unit.

Nearly all areas of this unit are used as woodland. A



opossum, black bear, birds, and other wildlife.

If drained, this soil can be used for crops, such as corn and soybeans. Wetness is the main limitation. A well planned and constructed drainage system can reduce the wetness. The drainage system generally requires open ditches and grading or "crowning" of the fields. The instability of ditchbanks is a problem. Additions of plant nutrients, crop residue management, bedding, and cover crops are suitable measures on this soil.

Wetness, the instability of cutbanks and trench walls, and seepage are the main limitations if this soil is used for building site development, recreational development, or sanitary facilities. The wetness can be reduced by installing a drainage system that includes tile and open ditches. Land grading can improve surface drainage.

The capability subclass is VIw in undrained areas and IIIw in drained areas. The woodland group is 9W.

Ud—Udorthents, loamy. This map unit consists of areas of nearly level to gently sloping, covered-over landfills. Some of the landfills are active and have barren depressions that are covered over as waste material is deposited. The other landfills are closed and have been revegetated. The layer of covering generally is shaped for good surface drainage. Individual areas range from 10 to 60 acres in size and are generally rectangular.

Infiltration is moderate, and surface runoff is slow. Permeability is moderate, and available water capacity is low. The soil material is very strongly acid or strongly acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The estimated depth to the seasonal high water table is at least 4 feet.

These soils have been revegeted with native plants, acres in size. Slope is generally 0 to 6 percent.

Nearly all of the precipitation that falls on this unit runs off the surface. The runoff can increase the hazard of flooding in low areas. Siltation of waterways and reservoirs is a hazard in areas that have been graded but are not stabilized.

Onsite investigation is needed before the development of specific areas.

This unit has not been assigned to a capability subclass or to a woodland group.

WaB—Wando fine sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes. This excessively drained soil is in undulating areas on uplands. It is in areas on the mainland near the sound. Most areas are 10 to 25 feet above sea level. Individual areas are generally about as broad as they are long, and they range from 25 to 250 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

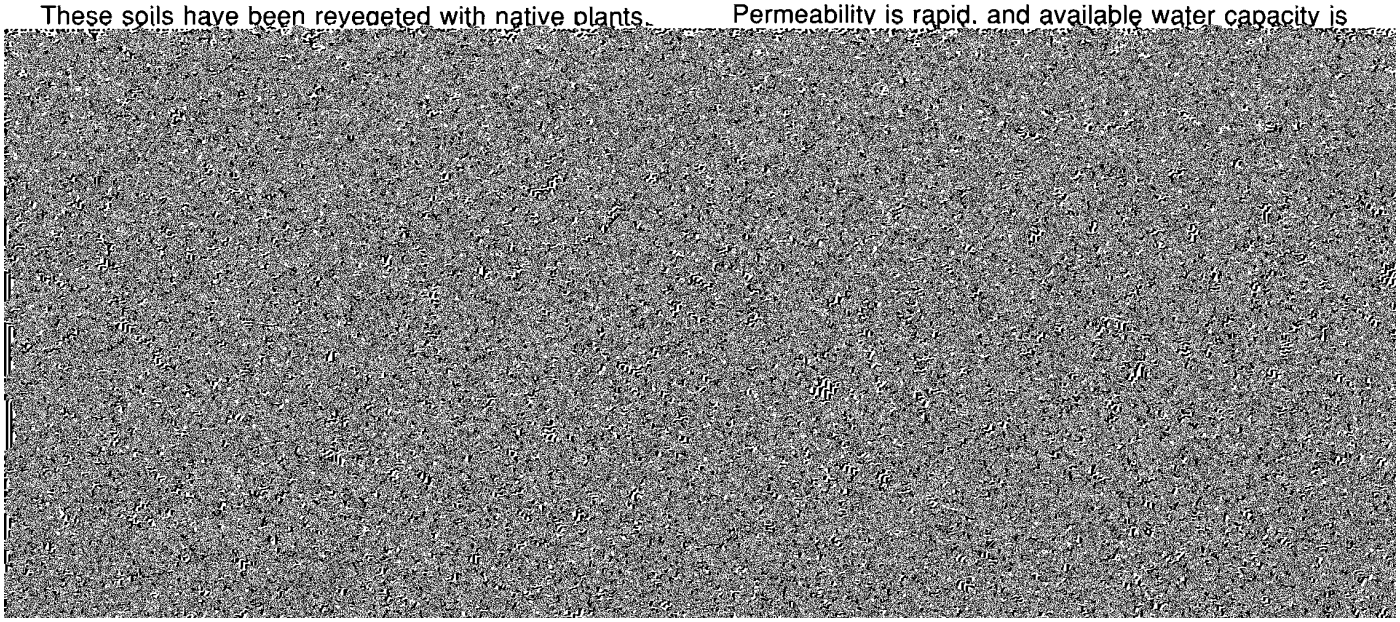
Surface layer:

0 to 6 inches; grayish brown fine sand

Substratum:

6 to 16 inches; yellowish brown fine sand
16 to 31 inches; strong brown fine sand that has dark yellowish brown mottles and brownish yellow concretions
31 to 36 inches; yellow fine sand
36 to 47 inches; very pale brown fine sand
47 to 75 inches; very pale brown fine sand mottled with brownish yellow
75 to 85 inches; light yellowish brown fine sand

Infiltration is rapid, and surface runoff is slow. Permeability is rapid, and available water capacity is



droughtiness. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, turkey, rabbit, fox, quail, and other wildlife.

Sweet potatoes, peanuts, and corn are the main crops in cultivated areas. Some areas are used for small gardens. Droughtiness, the leaching of plant nutrients, and wind erosion are the main limitations affecting the use of this soil for crops. Additions of plant nutrients, minimum tillage, cover crops, crop residue management, and windbreaks help to control erosion and overcome the effects of excessive leaching.

Droughtiness, the instability of ditchbanks and trench walls, and seepage are limitations if this soil is used for building site development or sanitary facilities. This sandy soil provides a good support base for most structures. Wind erosion is a hazard in unprotected areas. It can be controlled by revegetating disturbed areas around construction and road sites as soon as possible. Lawns and shrubs are difficult to establish and maintain. Irrigating, frequently applying fertilizer, and adding organic matter can improve the growth of lawns and shrubs on this sandy soil. The sandy surface material and summer droughtiness are the main limitations affecting recreational development. Wind erosion and sedimentation can be minimized by maintaining or regenerating an adequate plant cover.

The capability subclass is IIIs, and the woodland group is 8S.

Wo—Woodington loamy fine sand. This nearly level, poorly drained soil is on uplands. The larger areas occur as broad, smooth interstream areas. They range from 25 to about 100 acres in size. The smaller areas are in shallow, narrow depressions on slightly convex divides. They range from 5 to about 25 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

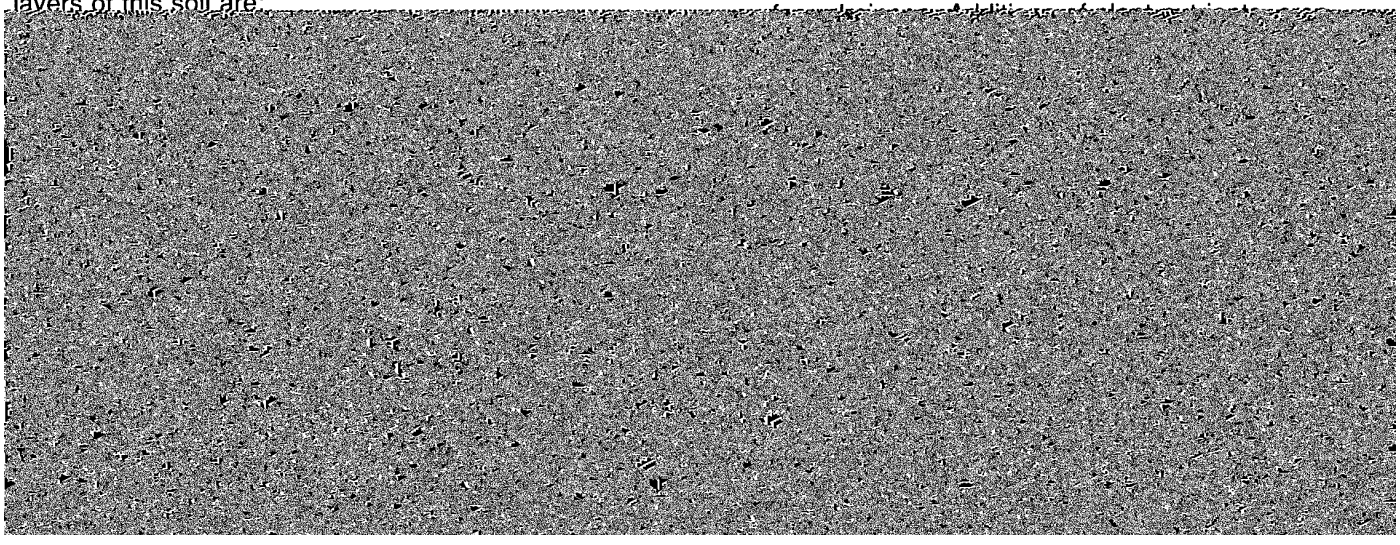
Infiltration is moderate, and surface runoff is slow. Permeability is moderately rapid, and available water capacity is moderate. The soil ranges from extremely acid to strongly acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The seasonal high water table is 0.5 to 1.0 foot below the surface. The soil is occasionally ponded in low areas.

Included with this soil in mapping are small areas of Rains soils and small areas of the somewhat poorly drained Stallings and very poorly drained Torhunta soils. Rains soils are in landscape positions similar to those of the Woodington soil. Stallings soils are on the outer edge of the mapped areas, near drainageways. Torhunta soils are in small, shallow depressions. Also included are a few areas of soils that have a thin, discontinuous hardpan in the subsurface layer. The included soils make up about 15 percent of this unit.

Most areas of this unit are used as woodland. A few small areas are used as cropland.

In the wooded areas, the major canopy trees are loblolly pine, pond pine, sweetgum, blackgum, yellow poplar, swamp chestnut oak, red maple, willow oak, and water oak. The understory includes redbay, sweetbay, American holly, gallberry, switchcane, waxmyrtle, huckleberry, blueberry, and greenbrier. Logging during wet periods results in the formation of ruts and damage to tree roots. A few large areas have been bedded and planted to loblolly pine. Fertilizer is applied in some areas. Areas of this soil provide habitat for deer, raccoon, fox, rabbit, bobcat, opossum, black bear, turkey, birds, and other wildlife.

If drained, this soil can be used for crops, such as corn and soybeans. Wetness is the main limitation. A well planned and constructed drainage system reduces the wetness. The drainage system generally requires tile and open ditches. Grading the fields can improve



Waterway. The smaller areas are cone shaped, and the larger areas are irregular in shape and are surrounded by dikes. The diked areas have sloping edges. Individual areas range from 3 to 10 acres in size.

The typical sequence, depth, color, and texture of the layers of this soil are:

Surface layer:

0 to 1 inch; dark gray fine sandy loam
1 to 3 inches; light yellowish brown fine sandy loam

Substratum:

43 to 45 inches; gray clay mottled with brownish yellow
45 to 78 inches; greenish gray sandy clay mottled with olive yellow
78 to 85 inches; very dark gray fine sandy loam

Infiltration is slow, and surface runoff is medium. Permeability is slow, and available water capacity is high. The shrink-swell potential also is high. The surface layer ranges from very strongly acid to medium acid unless the surface has been limed. The substratum ranges from very strongly acid to moderately alkaline. Weathering alters the spoil material. The recent spoil areas are highly alkaline, and the older spoil areas have been leached and are highly acid. The seasonal high water table is about 2.0 to 3.5 feet below the surface.

Included with this soil in mapping are small areas of spoil material that is better drained and sandier than the Yaupon soil. Included areas make up about 20 percent of this unit.

Nearly all areas of this unit are used as woodland. The dominant trees are loblolly pine, eastern redcedar, sweetgum, and red maple. Black cherry, yaupon, live oak, myrtle oak, and waxmyrtle are important understory plants. Logging during wet periods results in the formation of deep ruts and damage to plant roots.

This soil generally is not used for cultivated crops, building site development, sanitary facilities, or recreational development. Wetness, the high shrink-swell potential in the clayey subsoil, and the slow permeability are the main limitations.

The capability subclass is IVe, and the woodland group is 8W.

Prime Farmland

This section defines prime farmland and lists the soils in Onslow County that are considered prime farmland.

Prime farmland is one of several kinds of important farmland defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is of major importance in meeting the Nation's short- and long-range needs for food and fiber. The acreage of high-quality farmland is limited and the U.S. Department of Agriculture recognizes that government at local, state, and Federal levels, as well as individuals, must encourage and facilitate the wise use of our Nation's prime farmland.

Prime farmland soils, as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, are soils that are best suited to food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops. Such soils have properties that favor the economic production and sustained high yields of crops. The soils need only to be treated and managed by acceptable farming methods. The moisture supply must be adequate, and the growing season must be sufficiently long. Prime farmland soils produce the highest yields with minimal expenditure of energy and economic resources. Farming these soils results in the least damage to the environment.

Prime farmland soils may be used as cropland, pasture, or woodland or for other purposes. The soils either are used for food or fiber or are available for these uses. Urban or built-up land and water areas cannot be considered prime farmland. Urban or built-up land is any contiguous unit of land 10 acres or more in size that is used for such purposes as housing, industrial and commercial sites, sites for institutions or public buildings, small parks, golf courses, cemeteries, railroad yards, airports, sanitary landfills, sewage treatment plants, and water-control structures.

Prime farmland soils usually receive an adequate and dependable supply of moisture from precipitation or irrigation. The temperature and growing season are favorable. The acidity or alkalinity level of the soils is acceptable. The soils have few or no rocks and are permeable to water and air. They are not excessively erodible or saturated with water for long periods and are not frequently flooded during the growing season. The slope ranges mainly from 0 to 6 percent.

About 224,399 acres in the county, or nearly 43 percent of the total acreage, is prime farmland. The northwestern part of the county is dominantly prime farmland. Many smaller areas of prime farmland are scattered throughout the rest of the county. The largest areas are in map units 1, 2, and 3 on the general soil map. Some scattered areas of prime farmland are in the other map units.

In some parts of the county, a recent trend in land use has been the conversion of prime farmland to urban and industrial uses. The loss of prime farmland to other uses puts pressure on marginal lands, which generally are either wet, more erodible, droughty, difficult to cultivate, or less productive than prime farmland.

Following is a list of map units, or soils, that make up the prime farmland in Onslow County. The location of each map unit is shown on the detailed soil maps at the back of this publication. The extent of each unit is given in table 5. The soil qualities that affect use and management of each unit are described in the section "Detailed Soil Map Units." This list does not constitute a recommendation for a particular land use.

Some soils that have a high water table qualify as prime farmland only in areas where this limitation has been overcome by drainage measures. If applicable, the need for these measures is indicated in parentheses after the map unit name in the list. Onsite evaluation is needed to determine if the limitation has been overcome by corrective measures.

The soils identified as prime farmland in Onslow County are:

CrB	Craven fine sandy loam, 1 to 4 percent slopes
GoA	Goldsboro fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes
Gt	Grifton fine sandy loam (where drained)
Ly	Lynchburg fine sandy loam (where drained)
Md	Masontown mucky fine sandy loam (where drained)
NoA	Norfolk loamy fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes

NoB	Norfolk loamy fine sand, 2 to 6 percent slopes	Ra	Rains fine sandy loam (where drained)
On	Onslow loamy fine sand	To	Torhunta fine sandy loam (where drained)
Pn	Pantego mucky loam (where drained)		

Use and Management of the Soils

This soil survey is an inventory and evaluation of the soils in the survey area. It can be used to adjust land uses to the limitations and potentials of natural resources and the environment. Also, it can help avoid soil-related failures in land uses.

In preparing a soil survey, soil scientists, conservationists, engineers, and others collect extensive field data about the nature and behavioral characteristics of the soils. They collect data on erosion, droughtiness, flooding, and other factors that affect various soil uses and management. Field experience and collected data on soil properties and performance are used as a basis in predicting soil behavior.

Information in this section can be used to plan the use and management of soils for crops and pasture; as woodland; as sites for buildings, sanitary facilities, highways and other transportation systems, and parks and other recreation facilities; and for wildlife habitat. It can be used to identify the limitations of each soil for specific land uses and to help to prevent construction failures caused by unfavorable soil properties.

Planners and others using soil survey information can evaluate the effect of specific land uses on productivity and on the environment in the survey area. The survey can help planners to maintain or create a land use pattern in harmony with the natural soil.

Contractors can use this survey to locate sources of sand and gravel, roadfill, and topsoil. They can use it to identify areas where bedrock, wetness, or very firm soil layers can cause difficulty in excavation.

Health officials, highway officials, engineers, and others will also find this survey useful. The survey can help them plan the safe disposal of wastes and locate sites for pavements, sidewalks, campgrounds, playgrounds, lawns, and trees and shrubs.

Crops and Pasture

Harry Tyson, district conservationist, and Foy D. Hendrix, conservation agronomist, Soil Conservation Service, helped prepare this section.

General management needed for crops and pasture is suggested in this section. The crops or pasture plants best suited to the soils, including some not commonly grown in the survey area, are identified; the system of land capability classification used by the Soil Conservation Service is explained; and the estimated yields of the main crops and hay and pasture plants are listed for each soil.

Planners of management systems for individual fields or farms should consider the detailed information given in the description of each soil under "Detailed Soil Map Units." Specific information can be obtained from the local office of the Soil Conservation Service or the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

About 48,566 acres in Onslow County is used as cropland *(26)*. Of this, 3,836 acres is used for tobacco; 18,786 acres for soybeans; 19,713 acres for corn; and 1,634 acres for pasture. Other crops, such as wheat, hay, peanuts, and cucumbers, are grown on small acreages. Corn and soybeans are commonly grown in drained areas of Pantego, Torhunta, Rains, Woodington, Lynchburg, and Stallings soils. Tobacco is grown on soils that are characterized by good natural drainage, such as Goldsboro, Norfolk, Foreston, Onslow, and Autryville soils. Many soils are suited to vegetable crops. Information about growing specialty crops can be obtained from local offices of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service or the Soil Conservation Service.

Although the soils vary in their suitability for specific crops and require different kinds of management, some management practices are needed on most soils used for crops and pasture.

In Onslow County, wetness is a problem on about 57 percent of the cropland. Only limited practices, such as surface and subsurface drains, are needed on the moderately well drained, nearly level Craven, Onslow, Foreston, and Goldsboro soils. If excess water is removed by surface or subsurface drains, or both, crops grow well on most of the somewhat poorly drained, poorly drained, and very poorly drained soils. Land grading is needed on some soils.

Surface drainage systems range from large, open ditches to small, shallow furrows between areas of row crops. The large, open ditches commonly are used as outlets for the discharged water.

Figure 10.—A field border in an area of Goldsboro fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is effective in controlling water erosion.

The design of drainage systems varies with the kind of soil. A subsurface drainage system is not so effective on the clayey, slowly permeable Craven and Lenoir soils as on the more loamy soils in the county. Open ditches on the Stallings, Murville, Pactolus, Torhunta, Leon, and Woodington soils are unstable. Sloping the ditchbanks and seeding with permanent grass improve the stability.

Parallel ditches are commonly used to drain cropland in broad, flat areas where the soils have a surface layer that is high in content of organic matter. These soils are those of the Rains, Croatan, Murville, Pantego, Woodington, and Torhunta series. The ditches are spaced about 330 feet apart. The area between the ditches is crowned in the middle to facilitate surface runoff. Furrows, or hoe drains, are used to carry the water to the parallel ditches. Where these drain into the open ditches, drop structures are needed to keep the ditchbank from

Land grading is used to fill low, unwanted depressions, to smooth fields, and to establish a uniform grade for removing rainwater.

Control of water and wind erosion is needed on some of the soils in Onslow County. Water erosion is a hazard on the gently sloping and sloping Craven, Marvyn, and Norfolk soils. Diversions, grassed waterways, field borders (fig. 10), conservation tillage, crop residue, close-growing crops, and, on some soils, a permanent plant cover help to control erosion. A combination of these practices generally is needed to control water erosion in areas where tobacco, corn, or soybeans are grown. Reducing the hazard of erosion improves crop production and water quality and reduces the loss of nutrients.

Alpin, Wando, Autryville, Baymeade, and Kureb soils are susceptible to wind erosion. These soils are droughty and are subject to leaching of plant nutrients. Leaving crop residue on the surface or growing a cover crop until planting time effectively conserves moisture

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and minimizes the leaching of nutrients. Strips of small grain between rows of corn or tobacco help to prevent the crop damage caused by windblown sand on newly planted fields (fig. 11).

Corn, soybeans, tobacco, and wheat are the main crops on the soils susceptible to wind erosion. Well drained soils are well suited to hybrid bermudagrass for hay and pasture. The excessively drained Alpin, Wando, and Kureb soils are poorly suited to crops and pasture.

In most areas the soils in the county are naturally acid and low in content of plant nutrients. As a result, applications of lime and fertilizer are needed. The amounts and kinds to be applied should be based on the results of soil tests, the needs of the crop, and the expected level of production.

The surface layer in light colored soils contains low to moderate amounts of organic matter. Crop residue can be incorporated into the soils or kept near the surface by using chisels or cultivators or by light disking. If soybeans or other crops that produce little residue are grown, the cropping system should include cover or sod crops, or both. Maintaining a high organic matter content helps to ensure good soil structure and tilth.

The soils in Onslow County are not high enough in natural fertility for the good production of crops. They are naturally acid and require additions of lime for the production of most crops.

Liming requirements are a major concern because the acidity of the soil affects the availability of many nutrients to plants and the activity of beneficial bacteria. Additions of lime neutralize exchangeable aluminum (Al), high levels of which adversely affect many crops. Liming also adds calcium (calcitic lime) or calcium and magnesium (dolomitic lime) to the soil.

Recommendations for liming are based on the results of soil tests. These tests indicate the kinds and amounts of lime to be applied. For example, soils that have a sandy surface layer can have low amounts of

Figure 11.—Planting small grain between strips of tobacco reduces the hazard of wind erosion on Norfolk loamy fine sand, 2 to 6 percent slopes.

magnesium and available calcium. The desired pH levels vary, depending on the soil properties and the crops to be grown.

Nitrogen fertilizer is required for most crops, except peanuts, clover, soybeans in some rotations, and alfalfa after it has been established. Soil tests that determine nitrogen requirements are not available. The amounts of nitrogen needed are indicated under the heading "Yields Per Acre." Because nitrogen can be readily leached from sandy soils, more than one application may be needed during the growing season.

The need for phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) fertilizers can be determined by soil tests. Because these nutrients tend to build up in soils, it is important to test a sample from each field to determine the needs for specific crops.

Herbicides are commonly used for weed control on the cropland in Onslow County. They can reduce the amount of tillage needed. Soil properties, such as organic matter content and texture of the surface layer, affect the amounts of herbicide needed. Estimates of these properties have been determined for the soils described in this survey. Table 15 shows the range of organic matter content, and table 14 shows the texture of the surface layer.

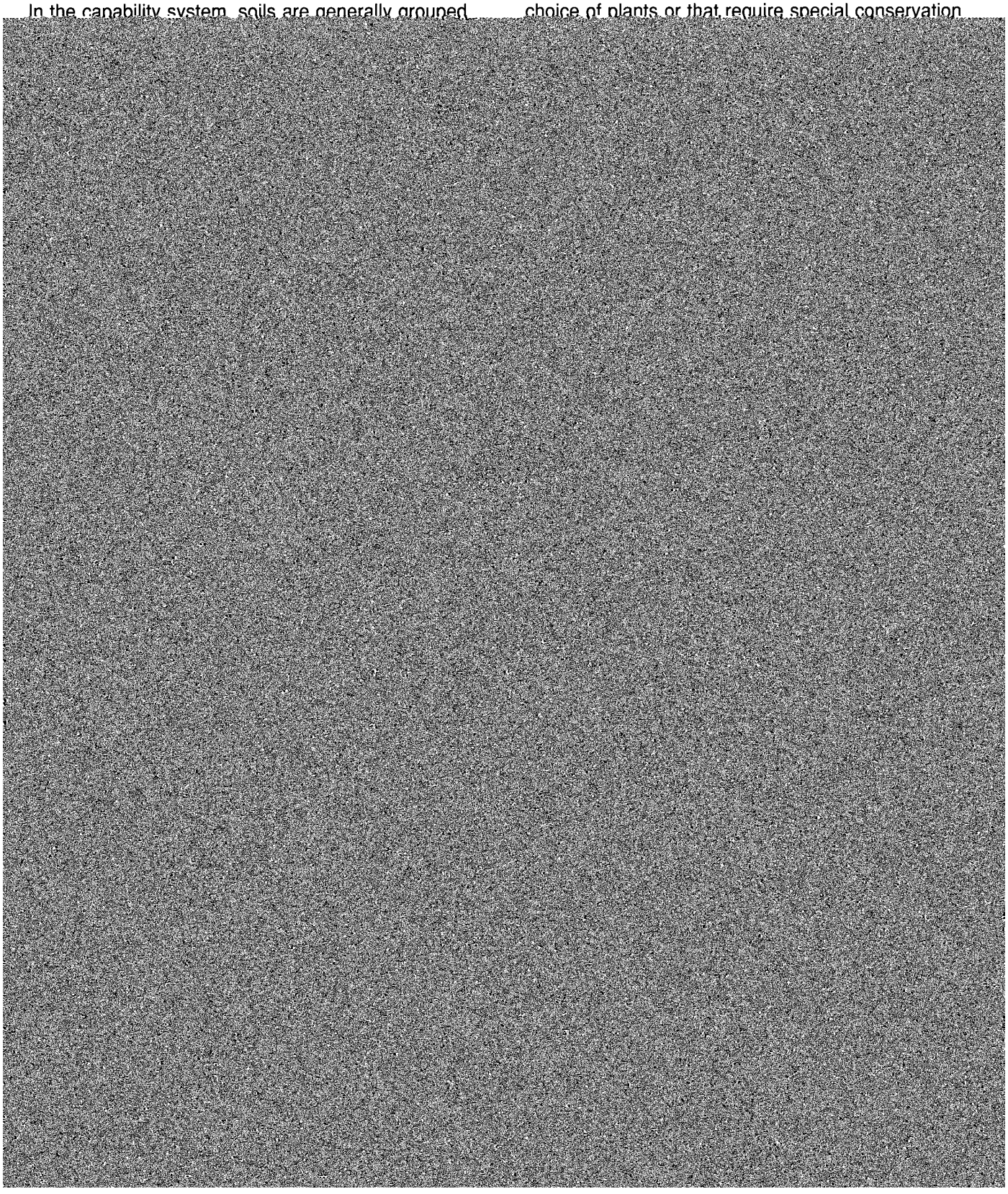
In some cases the organic matter content for a particular soil is outside the range shown in table 15. A results of field trials and demonstrations also are considered.

The management needed to obtain the indicated yields of the various crops depends on the kind of soil and the crop. Management can include drainage, erosion control, and protection from flooding; the proper planting and seeding rates; suitable high-yielding crop varieties; appropriate and timely tillage; control of weeds, plant diseases, and harmful insects; favorable soil reaction and optimum levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and trace elements for each crop; effective use of crop residue, barnyard manure, and green manure crops; and harvesting methods that ensure the smallest possible crop loss.

A high level of management includes maintaining proper soil reaction and fertility levels as indicated by standard soil tests. Nitrogen application rates for corn on soils that have a yield potential of 125 to 150 bushels per acre should be 140 to 160 pounds per acre. Where the yield potential is only 100 bushels per acre, rates of 100 to 120 pounds per acre should be used. Applying excessive amounts of nitrogen fertilizer can cause water pollution and result in an unnecessary expense. In areas where corn or cotton is planted after soybeans or peanuts are harvested, nitrogen application rates can be reduced by 20 to 30 pounds per acre.

The estimated yields reflect the productive capacity

In the capability system, soils are generally grouped choice of plants or that require special conservation



Capability subclasses are soil groups within one class. They are designated by adding a small letter, *e, w, s,* or *c,* to the class numeral, for example, IIe. The letter *e* shows that the main hazard is the risk of erosion unless close-growing plant cover is maintained; *w* shows that water in or on the soil interferes with plant growth or cultivation (in some soils the wetness can be partly corrected by artificial drainage); *s* shows that the soil is limited mainly because it is shallow, droughty, or stony; and *c*, used in only some parts of the United States, shows that the chief limitation is climate that is very cold or very dry.

There are no subclasses in class I because the soils of this class have few limitations. The soils in class V are subject to little or no erosion, but they have other limitations that restrict their use to pasture, woodland, wildlife habitat, or recreation. Class V contains only the subclasses indicated by *w, s,* or *c.*

The capability classification of each map unit is given in the section "Detailed Soil Map Units" and in table 6.

areas. The amount of rainfall and length of the growing season affect productivity.

This survey can be used by woodland managers planning ways to increase the productivity of forest land. Some soils respond better to applications of fertilizer better than others (fig. 13), and some are more susceptible to erosion after roads are built and timber is harvested. Some require special reforestation efforts. In the section "Detailed Soil Map Units," the description of each map unit in the survey area suitable for timber includes information about productivity, limitations in harvesting timber, and management concerns in producing timber. The common forest understory plants also are listed. Table 7 summarizes this forestry information and rates the soils for a number of management factors. *Slight, moderate*, and *severe* ratings are used to indicate the degree of the major soil limitations to be considered in forest management.

Table 7 lists the *ordination symbol* for each soil. Only

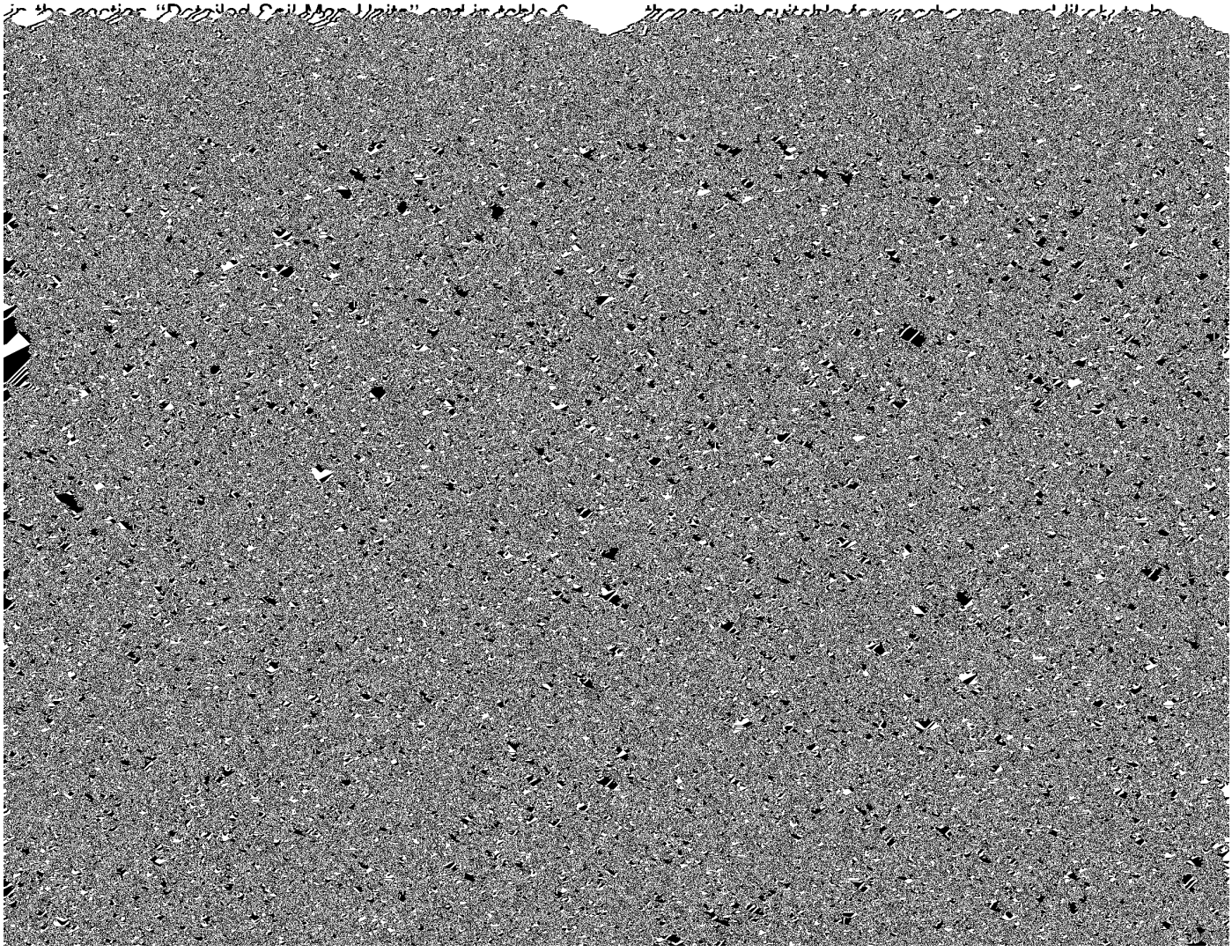


Figure 13.—Fertilizer is needed on Woodington loamy fine sand to increase the productivity of loblolly pine.

operated and more sophisticated systems are needed. The rating is *slight* if equipment use is restricted by soil wetness for less than 2 months and if special equipment is not needed. The rating is *moderate* if slopes are so steep that wheeled equipment cannot be operated safely across the slope, if wetness restricts equipment use from 2 to 6 months per year, if stoniness restricts the use of ground-based equipment, or if special equipment is needed to prevent or minimize compaction. The rating is *severe* if slopes are so steep that tracked equipment cannot be operated safely across the slope, if wetness restricts equipment use for more than 6 months per year, if stoniness restricts the use of ground-based equipment, or if special equipment is needed to prevent or minimize compaction. Ratings of *moderate* or *severe* indicate a need to choose the most suitable equipment and to carefully plan the timing of harvesting and other management activities.

Ratings of *seedling mortality* refer to the probability of the death of naturally occurring or properly planted seedlings of good stock in periods of normal rainfall, as influenced by kinds of soil or topographic features. Seedling mortality is caused primarily by too much water or too little water. The factors used in rating a soil for seedling mortality are texture of the surface layer, depth to a seasonal high water table and the length of the period when the water table is high, rock fragments in the surface layer, aspect of the slope, and rooting depth. The mortality rate generally is highest on soils that have a sandy or clayey surface layer. The risk is *slight* if, after site preparation, expected mortality is less than 25 percent; *moderate* if expected mortality is between 25 and 50 percent; and *severe* if expected mortality exceeds 50 percent. Ratings of *moderate* or *severe* indicate that it may be necessary to use containerized or larger than usual planting stock or to make special site preparations, such as bedding, furrowing, installing a surface drainage system,

constructing fire lanes (fig. 14), and providing artificial shade for seedlings. Reinforcement planting is often needed if the risk is moderate or severe.

The *potential productivity* of *common trees* on a soil is

vacation cottages, golf courses, and riding stables are in these areas.

The Hofmann Forest is inhabited by many game animals, particularly deer and bear. It thus provides

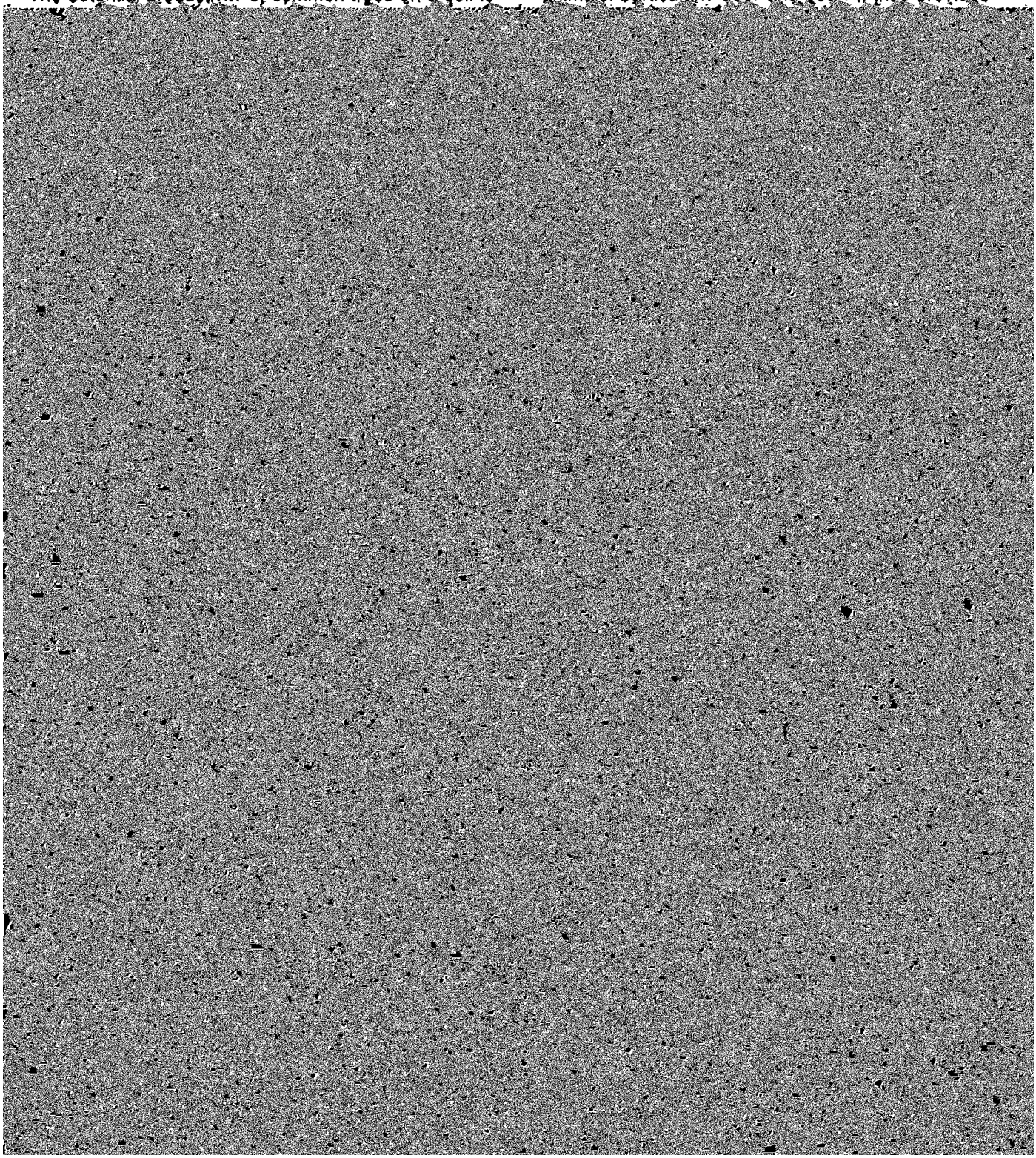


Figure 14.—A fire lane constructed with material excavated from Woodington loamy fine sand.

stones or boulders can greatly increase the cost of constructing campsites.

Picnic areas are subject to heavy foot traffic. Most vehicular traffic is confined to access roads and parking areas. The best soils for picnic areas are firm when wet, are not dusty when dry, are not subject to flooding during the period of use, and do not have slopes or stones or boulders that increase the cost of shaping sites or of building access roads and parking areas.

Playgrounds require soils that can withstand intensive foot traffic. The best soils are almost level and are not wet or subject to flooding during the season of use. The surface is free of stones and boulders, is firm after rains, and is not dusty when dry. If grading is needed, the depth of the soil over bedrock or a hardpan should [illegible] required in ecologically sensitive areas (fig. 15).

Golf fairways are subject to heavy foot traffic and some light vehicular traffic. Cutting or filling may be required. The best soils for use as golf fairways are firm when wet, are not dusty when dry, and are not subject to prolonged flooding during the period of use. They have moderate slopes and no stones or boulders on the surface. The suitability of the soil for tees or greens is not considered in rating the soils.

Wildlife Habitat

Harry Tyson, district conservationist, and John P. Edwards, biologist, Soil Conservation Service, helped prepare this section.

The wildlife habitat in Onslow County is highly varied

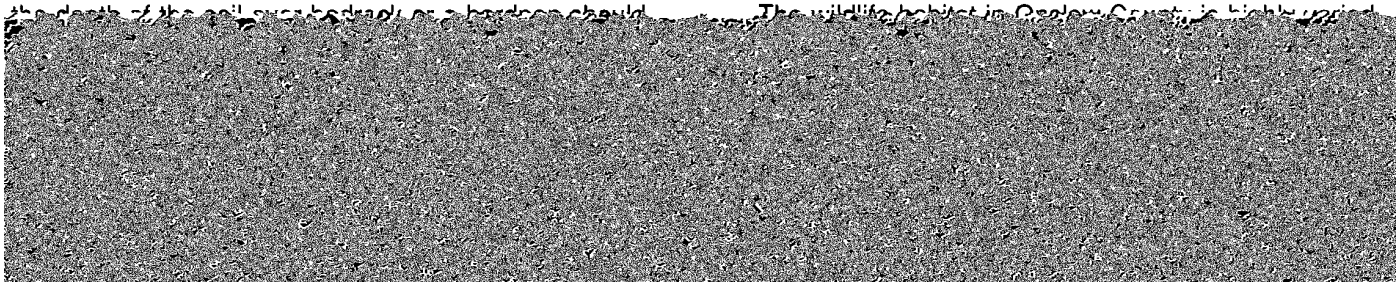
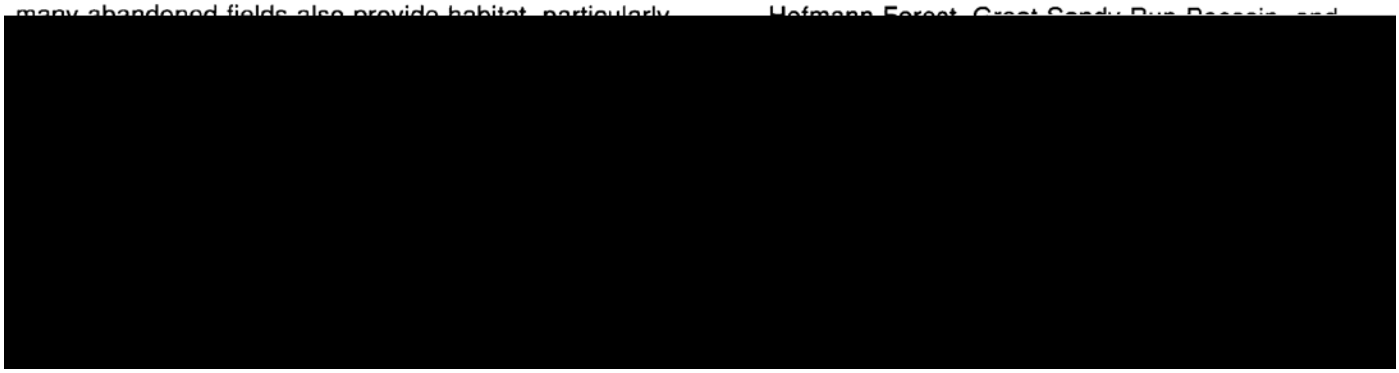


Figure 15.—A walkover structure used to protect fragile vegetation in a sensitive dune area.

many abandoned fields also provide habitat, particularly Hofmann Forest, Great Sandy Run Recesin, and



the construction of water impoundments. The kind and abundance of wildlife depend largely on the amount and distribution of food, cover, and water. Wildlife habitat can be created or improved by planting appropriate vegetation, by maintaining the existing plant cover, or by promoting the natural establishment of desirable plants.

In table 9, the soils in the survey area are rated according to their potential for providing habitat for

properties and features that affect the growth of these plants are depth of the root zone, texture of the surface layer, available water capacity, wetness, and flood hazard. Soil temperature and soil moisture also are considerations. Examples of wild herbaceous plants are bluestem, goldenrod, beggarweed, wheatgrass, and grama.

Hardwood trees and woody understory produce nuts or other fruit, buds, catkins, twigs, bark, and foliage

Habitat for wetland wildlife consists of open, marshy or swampy shallow water areas. Some of the wildlife attracted to such areas are ducks, geese, herons, shore birds, muskrat, mink, otter, alligator, water snakes, and beaver.

Engineering

This section provides information for planning land uses related to urban development and to water management. Soils are rated for various uses, and the most limiting features are identified. The ratings are given in the following tables: Building site development, Sanitary facilities, Construction materials, and Water management. The ratings are based on observed performance of the soils and on the estimated data and test data in the "Soil Properties" section.

Information in this section is intended for land use planning, for evaluating land use alternatives, and for planning site investigations prior to design and construction. The information, however, has limitations. For example, estimates and other data generally apply only to that part of the soil within a depth of 5 or 6 feet. Because of the map scale, small areas of different soils may be included within the mapped areas of a specific soil but not shown on the map.

The information is not site specific and does not eliminate the need for onsite investigation of the soils or for testing and analysis by personnel experienced in the design and construction of engineering works.

Government ordinances and regulations that restrict certain land uses or impose specific design criteria were not considered in preparing the information in this section. Local ordinances and regulations should be considered in planning, in site selection, and in design.

Soil properties, site features, and observed performance were considered in determining the ratings in this section. During the fieldwork for this soil survey, determinations were made about grain-size distribution, liquid limit, plasticity index, soil reaction, depth to bedrock, hardness of bedrock within 5 or 6 feet of the surface, soil wetness, depth to a seasonal high water table, slope, likelihood of flooding, natural soil structure aggregation, and soil density. Data were collected about kinds of clay minerals, mineralogy of the sand and silt fractions, and the kind of adsorbed cations. Estimates were made for erodibility, permeability, corrosivity, shrink-swell potential, available water capacity, and other behavioral characteristics affecting engineering uses.

This information can be used to evaluate the potential of areas for residential, commercial, industrial, and recreation uses; make preliminary estimates of construction conditions; evaluate routes for roads, streets, highways, pipelines, and underground cables; evaluate sites for sanitary landfills, septic tank absorption fields, and sewage lagoons; plan detailed onsite investigations of soils and geology; locate potential sources of gravel, sand, earthfill, and topsoil; plan drainage systems, irrigation systems, ponds, terraces, and other structures for soil and water conservation; and predict performance of proposed small structures and pavements by comparing the performance of existing similar structures on the same or similar soils.

The information in the tables along with the soil maps, the soil descriptions, and other data provided in this survey, can be used to make additional interpretations.

Some of the terms used in this soil survey have a special meaning in soil science and are defined in the "Glossary."

Building Site Development

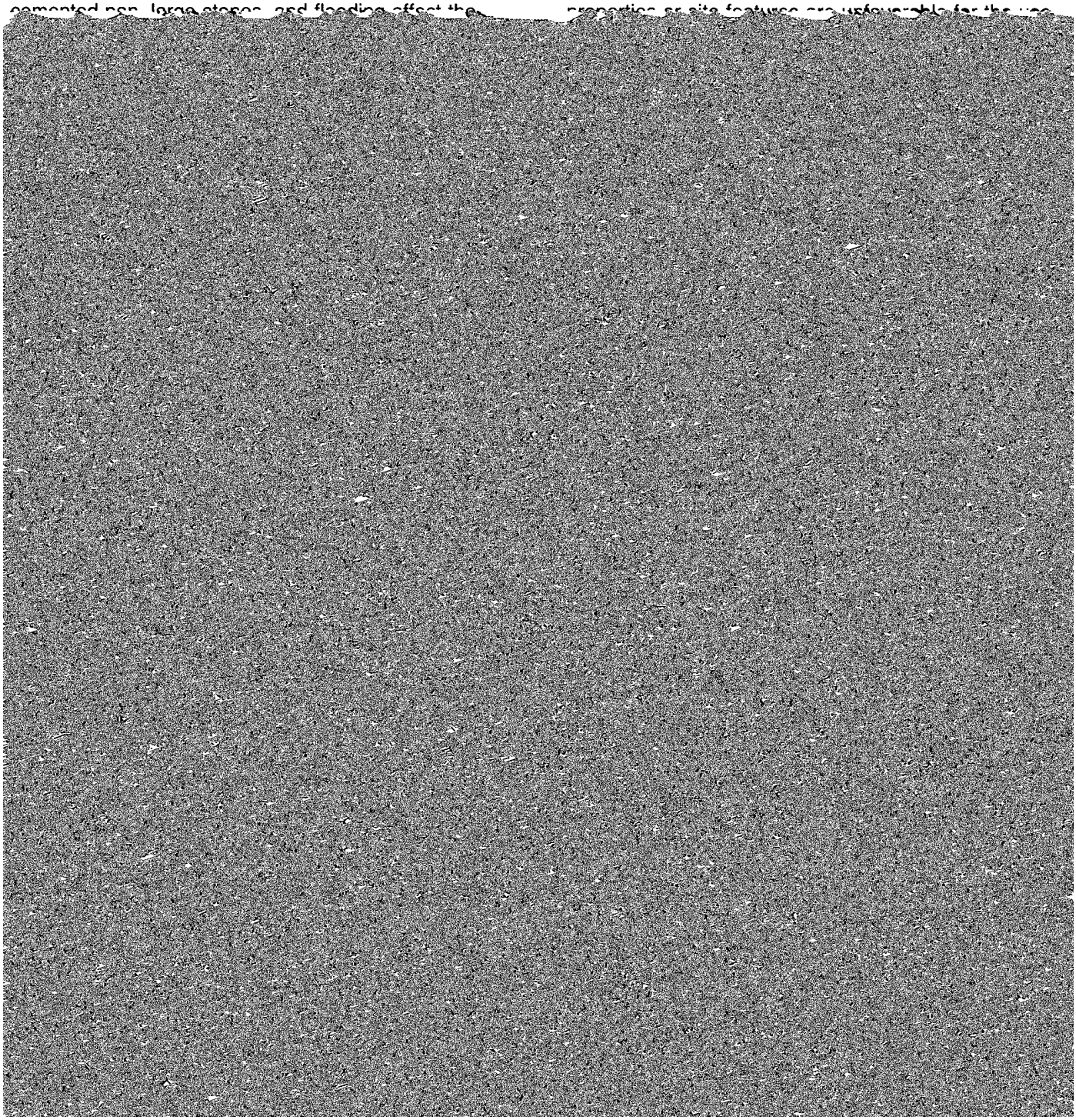
Table 10 shows the degree and kind of soil limitations that affect shallow excavations, dwellings with and without basements, small commercial buildings, local roads and streets, and lawns and landscaping. The limitations are considered *slight* if soil properties and site features are generally favorable for the indicated use and limitations are minor and easily overcome; *moderate* if soil properties or site features are not favorable for the indicated use and special planning, design, or maintenance is needed to overcome or minimize the limitations; and *severe* if soil properties or site features are so unfavorable or so difficult to overcome that special design, significant increases in construction costs, and possibly increased maintenance are required. Special feasibility studies may be required where the soil limitations are severe.

Shallow excavations are trenches or holes dug to a maximum depth of 5 or 6 feet for basements, graves, utility lines, open ditches, and other purposes. The ratings are based on soil properties, site features, and observed performance of the soils. The ease of digging, filling, and compacting is affected by the depth to bedrock, a cemented pan, or a very firm, dense layer; stone content; soil texture; and slope. The time of the year that excavations can be made is affected by the depth to a seasonal high water table and the susceptibility of the soil to flooding. The resistance of the excavation walls or banks to sloughing or caving is affected by soil texture and depth to the water table.

Dwellings and *small commercial buildings* are structures built on shallow foundations on undisturbed soil. The load limit is the same as that for single-family dwellings no higher than three stories. Ratings are

made for small commercial buildings without basements, for dwellings with basements, and for dwellings without basements. The ratings are based on soil properties, site features, and observed performance of the soils. A high water table, flooding, shrink-swell potential, and organic layers can cause the movement of footings. A high water table, depth to bedrock or to a cemented pan, large stones, and flooding affect the

indicates that soil properties and site features are favorable for the use and good performance and low maintenance can be expected; *fair* indicates that soil properties and site features are moderately favorable for the use and one or more soil properties or site features make the soil less desirable than the soils rated good; and *poor* indicates that one or more soil properties or site features are unfavorable for the use



content of organic matter is detrimental to proper functioning of the lagoon because it inhibits aerobic activity. Slope, bedrock, and the cemented pan can cause construction problems, and large stones can hinder compaction of the lagoon floor.

Sanitary landfills are areas where solid waste is disposed by burying it in soil. There are two types of landfill—trench and area. In a trench landfill, the waste is placed in a trench. It is spread, compacted, and covered daily with a thin layer of soil excavated at the site. In an area landfill, the waste is placed in successive layers on the surface of the soil. The waste is spread, compacted, and covered daily with a thin layer of soil from a source away from the site.

Both types of landfill must be able to bear heavy vehicular traffic. Both types involve a risk of ground-water pollution. Ease of excavation and revegetation should be considered.

The ratings in table 11 are based on soil properties, site features, and observed performance of the soils. Permeability, depth to bedrock or to a cemented pan, a high water table, slope, and flooding affect both types of landfill. Texture, stones and boulders, highly organic layers, soil reaction, and content of salts and sodium affect trench type landfills. Unless otherwise stated, the ratings apply only to that part of the soil within a depth of about 6 feet. For deeper trenches, a limitation rated slight or moderate may not be valid. Onsite investigation is needed.

Daily cover for landfill is the soil material that is used to cover compacted solid waste in an area type sanitary landfill. The soil material is obtained offsite, transported to the landfill, and spread over the waste.

Soil texture, wetness, coarse fragments, and slope affect the ease of removing and spreading the material during wet and dry periods. Loamy or silty soils that are free of large stones or excess gravel are the best cover for a landfill. Clayey soils are sticky or cloddy and are difficult to spread; sandy soils are subject to wind erosion.

After soil material has been removed, the soil material remaining in the borrow area must be thick enough over bedrock, a cemented pan, or the water table to permit revegetation. The soil material used as final cover for a landfill should be suitable for plants. The surface layer generally has the best workability, more organic matter, and the best potential for plants. Material from the surface layer should be stockpiled for use as the final cover.

Construction Materials

Table 12 gives information about the soils as a source of roadfill, sand, gravel, and topsoil. The soils are rated *good, fair,* or *poor* as a source of roadfill and topsoil. They are rated as a *probable* or *improbable* source of sand and gravel. The ratings are based on soil properties and site features that affect the removal of the soil and its use as construction material. Normal compaction, minor processing, and other standard construction practices are assumed. Each soil is evaluated to a depth of 5 or 6 feet.

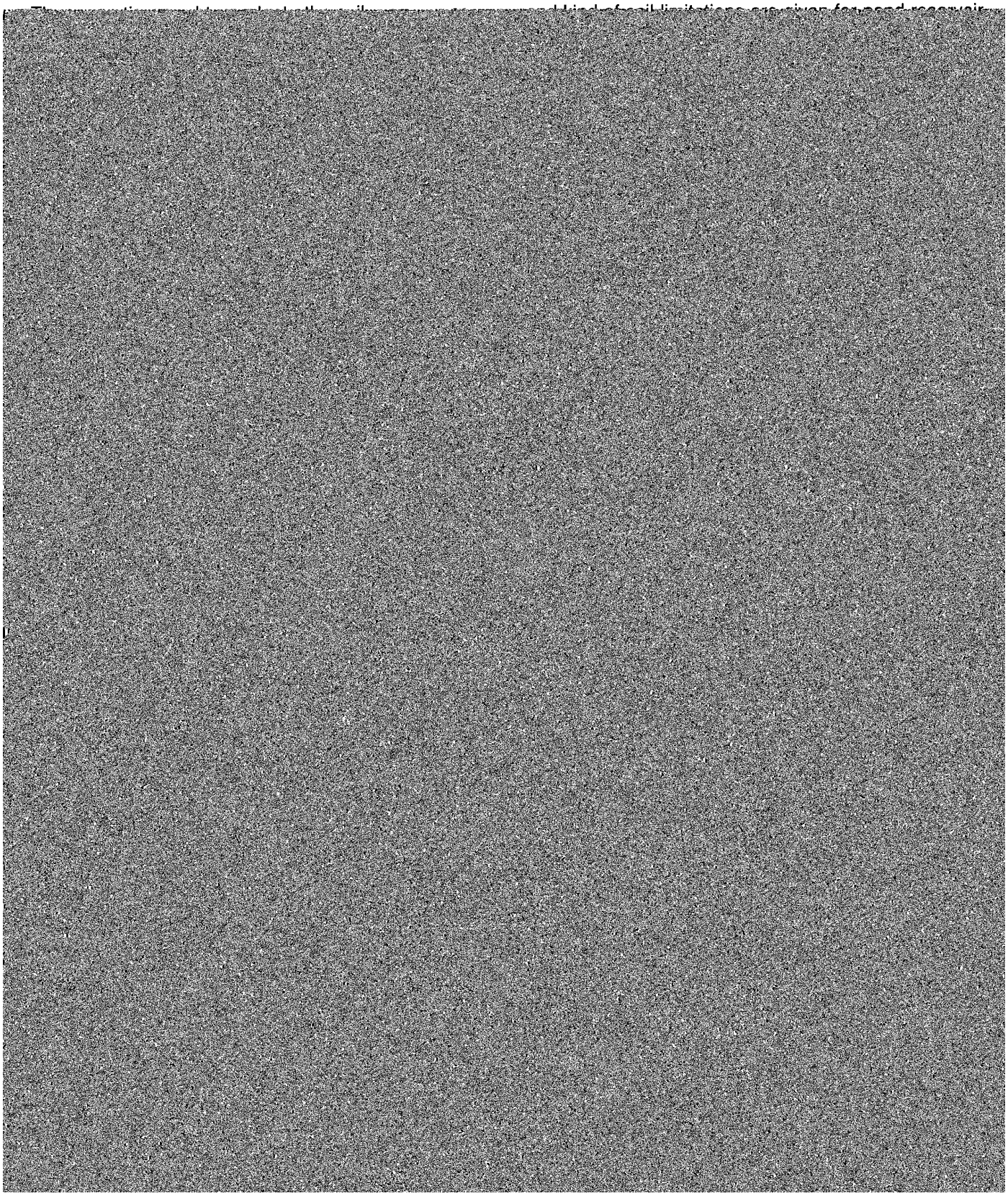
Roadfill is soil material that is excavated in one place and used in road embankments in another place. In this table, the soils are rated as a source of roadfill for low embankments, generally less than 6 feet high and less exacting in design than higher embankments.

The ratings are for the soil material below the surface layer to a depth of 5 or 6 feet. It is assumed that soil layers will be mixed during excavating and spreading. Many soils have layers of contrasting suitability within their profile. The table showing engineering index properties provides detailed information about each soil layer. This information can help to determine the suitability of each layer for use as roadfill. The performance of soil after it is stabilized with lime or cement is not considered in the ratings.

The ratings are based on soil properties, site features, and observed performance of the soils. The thickness of suitable material is a major consideration. The ease of excavation is affected by large stones, a high water table, and slope. How well the soil performs in place after it has been compacted and drained is determined by its strength (as inferred from the engineering classification of the soil) and the shrink-swell potential.

Soils rated *good* contain significant amounts of sand or gravel or both. They have at least 5 feet of suitable material, a low shrink-swell potential, few cobbles and stones, and slopes of 15 percent or less. Depth to the water table is more than 3 feet. Soils rated *fair* are more than 35 percent silt- and clay-sized particles and have a plasticity index of less than 10. They have a moderate shrink-swell potential, slopes of 15 to 25 percent, or many stones. Depth to the water table is 1 to 3 feet. Soils rated *poor* have a plasticity index of more than 10, a high shrink-swell potential, many stones, or slopes of more than 25 percent. They are wet, and depth to the water table is less than 1 foot. These soils may have layers of suitable material, but the material is less than 3 feet thick.

Sand and gravel are natural aggregates suitable for commercial use with a minimum of processing. They are used in many kinds of construction. Specifications for each use vary widely. In table 12, only the probability of finding material in suitable quantity is evaluated. The suitability of the material for specific purposes is not evaluated, nor are factors that affect excavation of the material.



subsurface water from the soil. How easily and effectively the soil is drained depends on the depth to bedrock, to a cemented pan, or to other layers that affect the rate of water movement; permeability; depth to a high water table or depth of standing water if the soil is subject to ponding; slope; susceptibility to flooding; and subsidence of organic layers. Excavating and grading and the stability of ditchbanks are affected by depth to bedrock or to a cemented pan, large stones, slope, and the hazard of cutbanks caving. The productivity of the soil after drainage is adversely affected by extreme acidity or by toxic substances in the root zone, such as salts, sodium, or sulfur. Availability of drainage outlets is not considered in the ratings.

Irrigation is the controlled application of water to supplement rainfall and support plant growth. The design and management of an irrigation system are affected by depth to the water table, the need for drainage, flooding, available water capacity, intake rate, permeability, erosion hazard, and slope. The construction of a system is affected by large stones and depth to bedrock or to a cemented pan. The performance of a system is affected by the depth of the root zone, the amount of salts or sodium, and soil reaction.

Grassed waterways are natural or constructed channels, generally broad and shallow, that conduct surface water to outlets at a nonerosive velocity. Large stones, wetness, slope, and depth to bedrock or to a cemented pan affect the construction of grassed waterways. A hazard of wind erosion, low available water capacity, restricted rooting depth, toxic substances such as salts or sodium, and restricted permeability adversely affect the growth and maintenance of the grass after construction.

Soil Properties

Data relating to soil properties are collected during the course of the soil survey. The data and the estimates of soil and water features, listed in tables, are explained on the following pages.

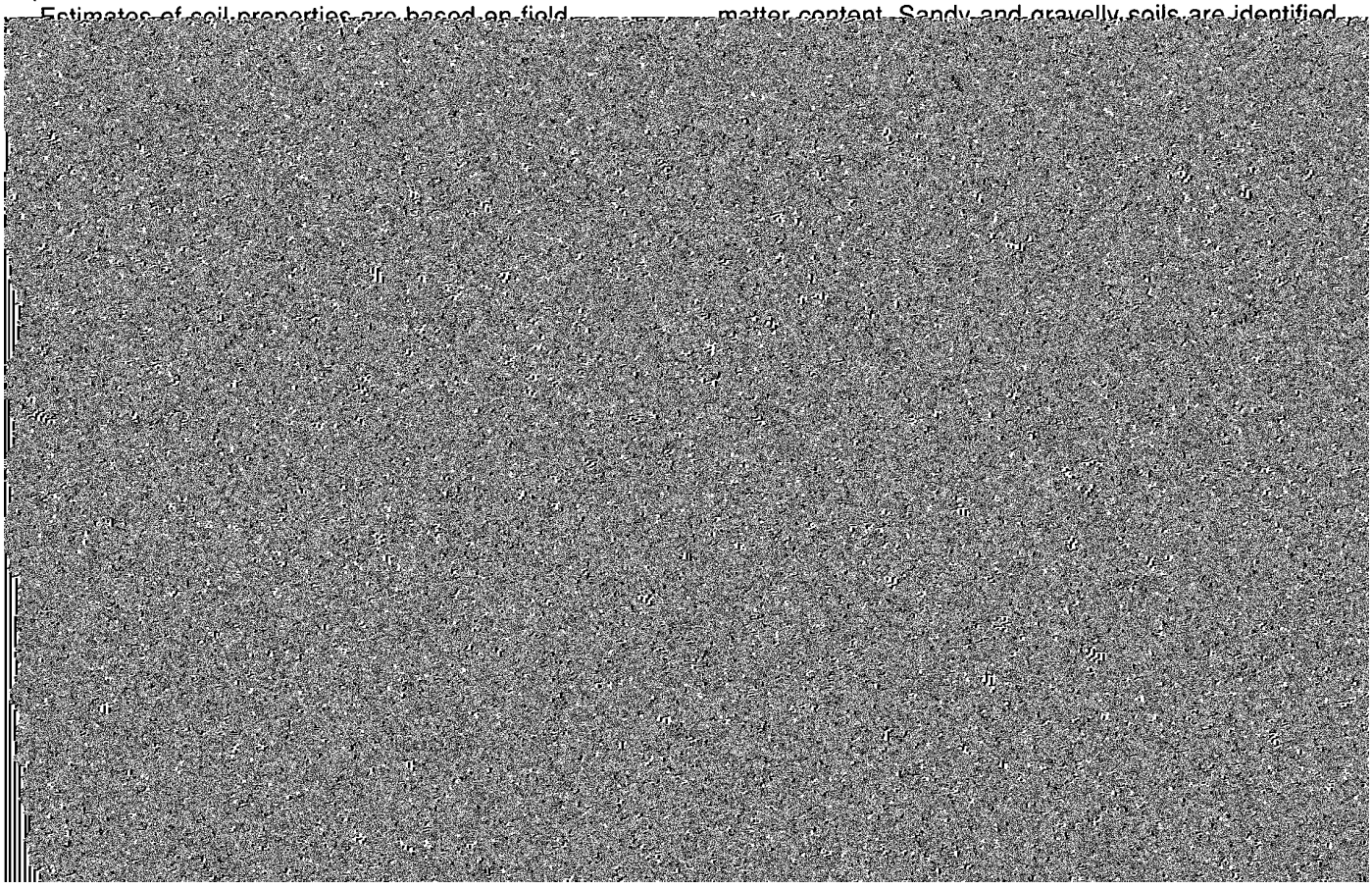
Soil properties are determined by field examination of the soils and by laboratory index testing of some benchmark soils. Established standard procedures are followed. During the survey, many shallow borings are made and examined to identify and classify the soils and to delineate them on the soil maps. Samples are taken from some typical profiles and tested in the laboratory to determine grain-size distribution, plasticity, and compaction characteristics. These results are reported in table 17.

Estimates of soil properties are based on field

percent clay, 28 to 50 percent silt, and less than 52 percent sand. If the content of particles coarser than sand is as much as 15 percent, an appropriate modifier is added, for example, "gravelly." Textural terms are defined in the "Glossary."

Classification of the soils is determined according to the Unified soil classification system *(2)* and the system adopted by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials *(1)*.

The Unified system classifies soils according to properties that affect their use as construction material. Soils are classified according to grain-size distribution of the fraction less than 3 inches in diameter and according to plasticity index, liquid limit, and organic matter content. Sandy and gravelly soils are identified

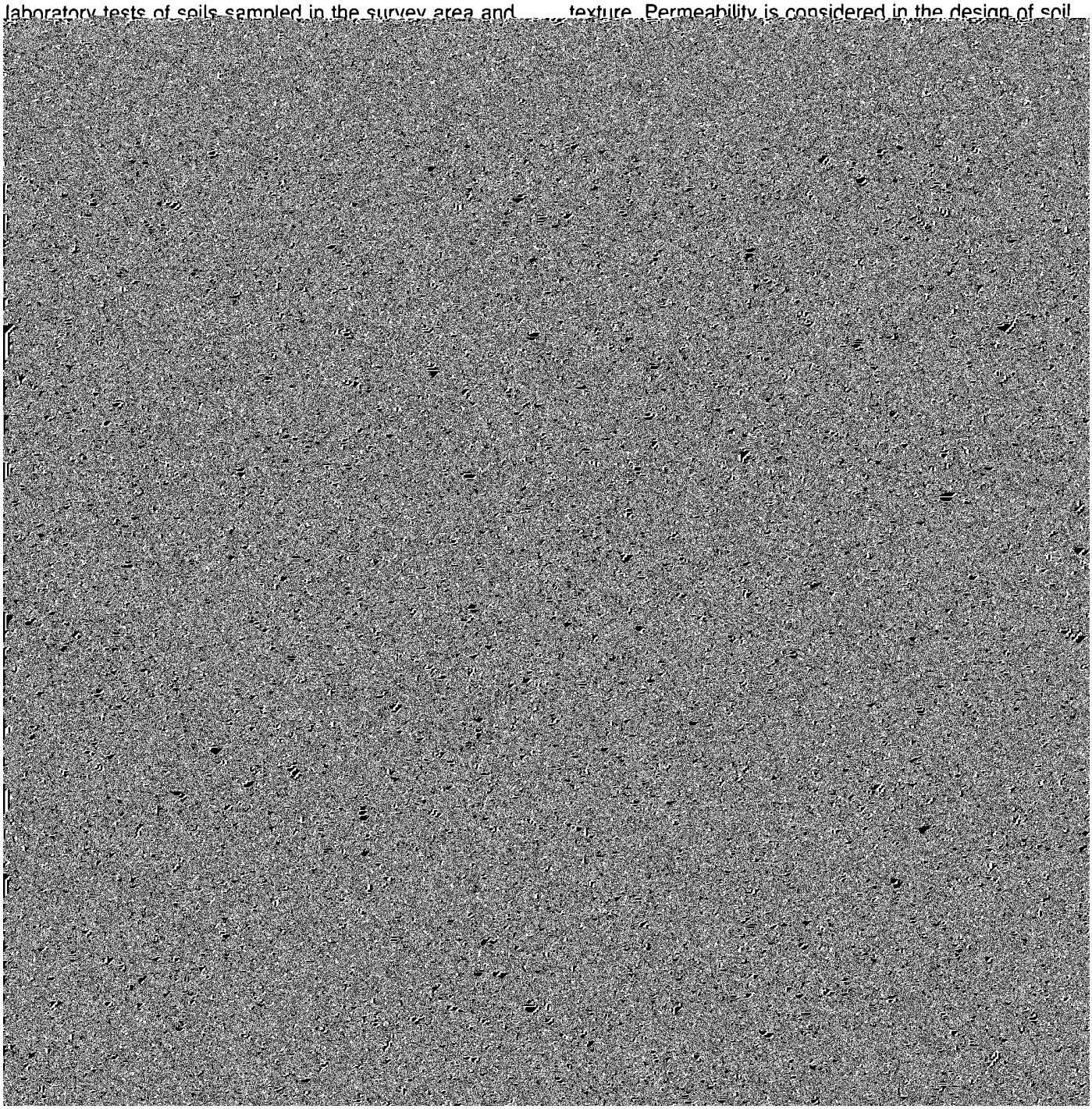


determined mainly by converting volume percentage in the field to weight percentage.

Percentage (of soil particles) passing designated sieves is the percentage of the soil fraction less than 3 inches in diameter based on an ovendry weight. The sieves, numbers 4, 10, 40, and 200 (USA Standard Series), have openings of 4.76, 2.00, 0.420, and 0.074 millimeters, respectively. Estimates are based on laboratory tests of soils sampled in the survey area and

root penetration. Bulk density is influenced by texture, kind of clay, content of organic matter, and soil structure.

Permeability refers to the ability of a soil to transmit water or air. The estimates indicate the rate of downward movement of water when the soil is saturated. They are based on soil characteristics observed in the field, particularly structure, porosity, and texture. Permeability is considered in the design of soil



of less than 3 percent; *moderate*, 3 to 6 percent; and *high*, more than 6 percent. *Very high*, greater than 9 percent, is sometimes used.

Erosion factor K indicates the susceptibility of a soil to sheet and rill erosion by water. Factor K is one of six factors used in the Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE) to predict the average annual rate of soil loss by sheet and rill erosion. Losses are expressed in tons per acre per year. These estimates are based primarily on percentage of silt, sand, and organic matter (up to 4 percent) and on soil structure and permeability. Values of K range from 0.02 to 0.69. The higher the value the more susceptible the soil is to sheet and rill erosion by water.

Erosion factor T is an estimate of the maximum average annual rate of soil erosion by wind or water that can occur over a sustained period without affecting crop productivity. The rate is expressed in tons per acre per year.

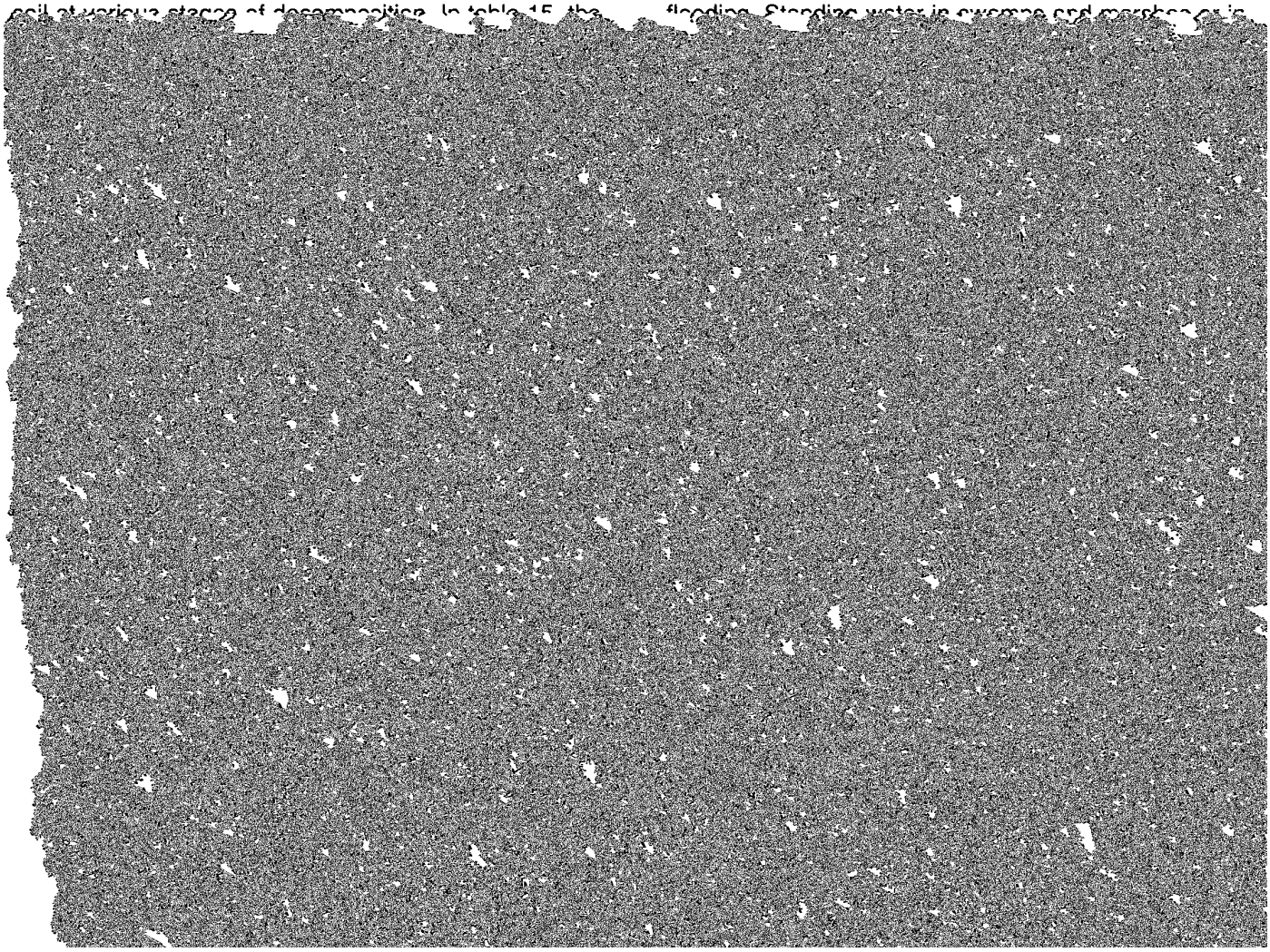
Organic matter is the plant and animal residue in the soil at various stages of decomposition. In table 15, the

thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of soils having a layer that impedes the downward movement of water or soils of moderately fine texture or fine texture. These soils have a slow rate of water transmission.

Group D. Soils having a very slow infiltration rate (high runoff potential) when thoroughly wet. These consist chiefly of clays that have a high shrink-swell potential, soils that have a permanent high water table, soils that have a clay layer at or near the surface, some organic soils, and soils that are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.

If a soil is assigned to two hydrologic groups in table 16, the first letter is for drained areas and the second letter is for undrained areas.

Flooding, the temporary covering of the surface by flowing water, is caused by overflowing streams, by runoff from adjacent slopes, or by inflow from high tides. Shallow water standing or flowing for short periods after rainfall or snowmelt is not considered



High water table (seasonal) is the highest level of a saturated zone in the soil in most years. The depth to a seasonal high water table applies to undrained soils. The estimates are based mainly on the evidence of a saturated zone, namely grayish colors or mottles in the soil. Indicated in table 16 are the depth to the seasonal high water table; the kind of water table, such as *apparent*; and the months of the year that the water table commonly is highest. A water table that is seasonally high for less than 1 month is not indicated in table 16.

An *apparent* water table is a thick zone of free water in the soil. It is indicated by the level at which water stands in an uncased borehole after adequate time is allowed for adjustment in the surrounding soil.

installations that intersect soil boundaries or soil layers is more susceptible to corrosion than steel in installations that are entirely within one kind of soil or within one soil layer.

For uncoated steel, the risk of corrosion, expressed as *low*, *moderate*, or *high*, is based on soil drainage class, total acidity, electrical resistivity near field capacity, and electrical conductivity of the saturation extract.

For concrete, the risk of corrosion also is expressed as *low*, *moderate*, or *high*. It is based on soil texture, acidity, and amount of sulfates in the saturation extract.

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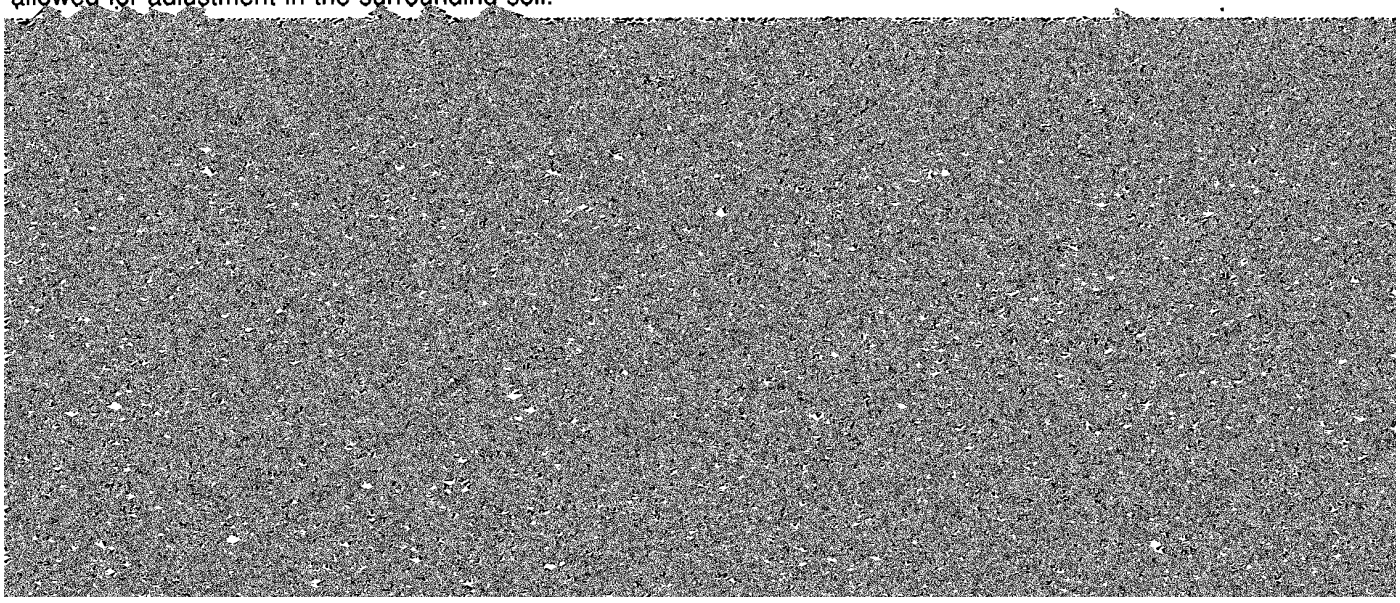
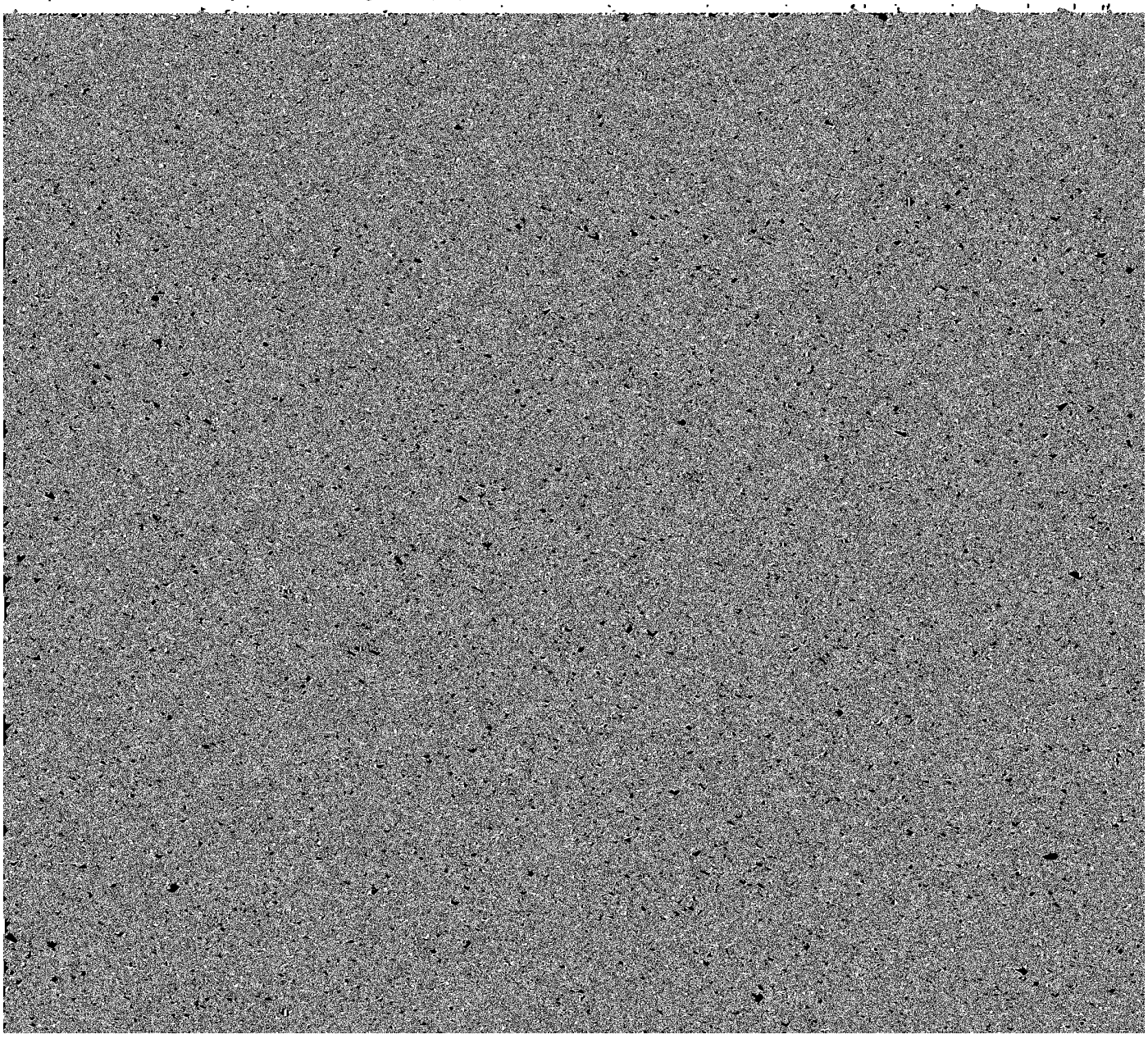


Classification of the Soils

The system of soil classification used by the National Cooperative Soil Survey has six categories *(21)*.

on the basis of physical and chemical properties and other characteristics that affect management. Generally,



slopes, 5 miles south of Hubert, 0.7 mile north of the intersection of North Carolina Highway 172 and Bear Creek Tower Road, 100 feet west of North Carolina Highway 172 (2,532,000X; 332,000Y):

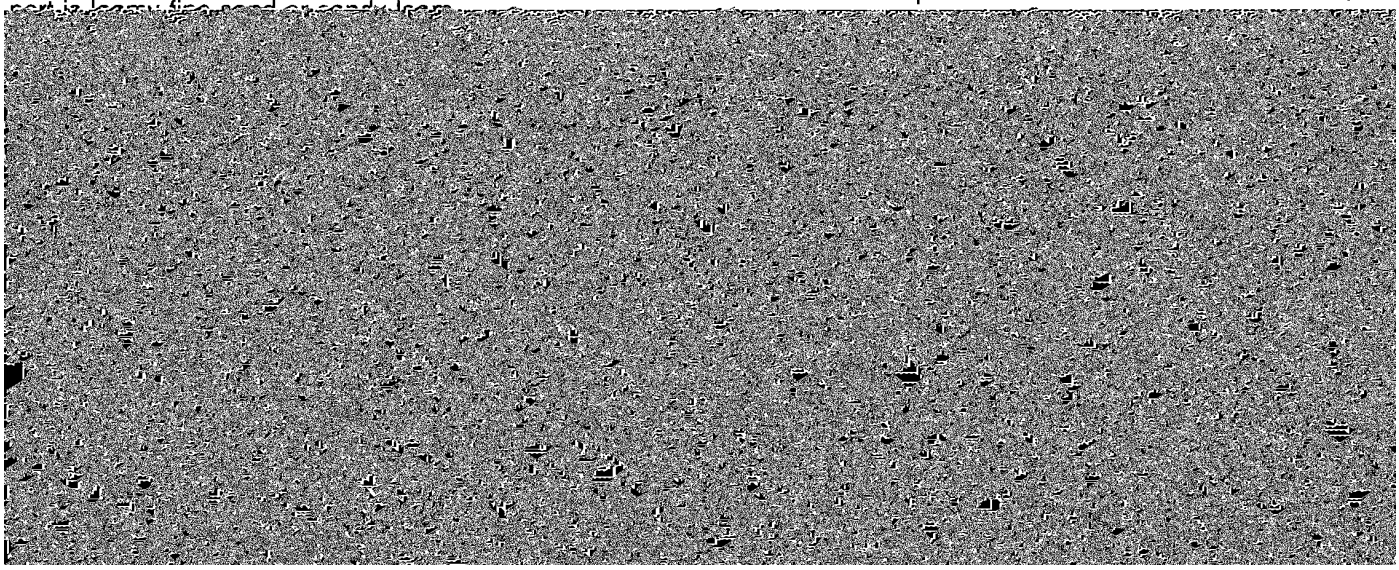
A—0 to 4 inches; gray (10YR 5/1) fine sand; single grain; loose; common fine particles of organic matter; very strongly acid; clear wavy boundary.
E1—4 to 13 inches; very pale brown (10YR 7/4) fine sand; single grain; loose; medium acid; clear wavy boundary.
E2—13 to 48 inches; very pale brown (10YR 8/3) fine sand; few medium distinct brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) mottles; many pockets of coarse faint white (10YR 8/2) uncoated sand grains; few bodies of loamy fine sand; single grain; loose; medium acid; clear wavy boundary.
E/B—48 to 80 inches; white (10YR 8/2) fine sand; single grain; loose; few yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) lamellae of loamy fine sand about ¼ to 1 inch thick and 2 to 5 inches apart; medium acid.

The sandy material extends to a depth of 80 inches or more. The soils range from very strongly acid to medium acid throughout unless the surface has been limed. The E part of the E/B horizon ranges from 2 to 10 inches in thickness between the B layers. Each B layer is ¼ to 1 inch thick, and the cumulative thickness of the B layers is less than 6 inches.

The Ap or A horizon has hue of 10YR, value of 4 or 5, and chroma of 1 to 3. The E horizon has hue of 10YR, value of 6 to 8, and chroma of 3 or 4. It is fine sand or sand. The E part of the E/B horizon has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 7 or 8, and chroma of 1 to 4. The B part has hue of 10YR or 7.5YR, value of 5 to 8, and chroma of 4 to 8. The E part is fine sand, and the B part is loamy fine sand or sandy loam.

fine sand; weak medium granular structure; very friable; few fine white (10YR 8/1) clean sand grains; strongly acid; clear smooth boundary.
BE—24 to 27 inches; brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) fine sandy loam; weak medium granular structure; very friable; strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.
Bt—27 to 38 inches; strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) fine sandy loam; few medium distinct very pale brown (10YR 7/3) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable; strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.
E′—38 to 53 inches; light gray (10YR 7/2) fine sand; few fine distinct light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) mottles; single grain; loose; few white (10YR 8/1) clean sand grains; strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.
BE′—53 to 64 inches; strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) fine sandy loam; weak medium granular structure; friable; strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.
Btg—64 to 77 inches; light gray (10YR 7/1) sandy clay loam; common medium distinct weak red (2.5YR 5/2) and few fine prominent yellowish red (5YR 5/8) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few small pockets of very pale brown (10YR 7/3) uncoated sand grains; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.
BCg—77 to 99 inches; light gray (10YR 7/1) sandy loam; common fine distinct brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) and few fine prominent red (2.5YR 4/8) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable; very strongly acid.

These soils are bisequal and have a sandy A horizon, a sandy E horizon, and a loamy B horizon that extends to a depth of more than 60 inches. The soils



to 7, and chroma of 1 to 8. It is fine sandy loam or sandy clay loam.

The BCg horizon has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 6 to 8, and chroma of 1 to 3 and is mottled in shades of yellow, brown, and red. It is sand, sandy loam, or sandy clay loam.

Baymeade Series

The Baymeade series consists of well drained soils on uplands. These soils formed in moderately coarse textured sediments. Slope ranges from 0 to 6 percent.

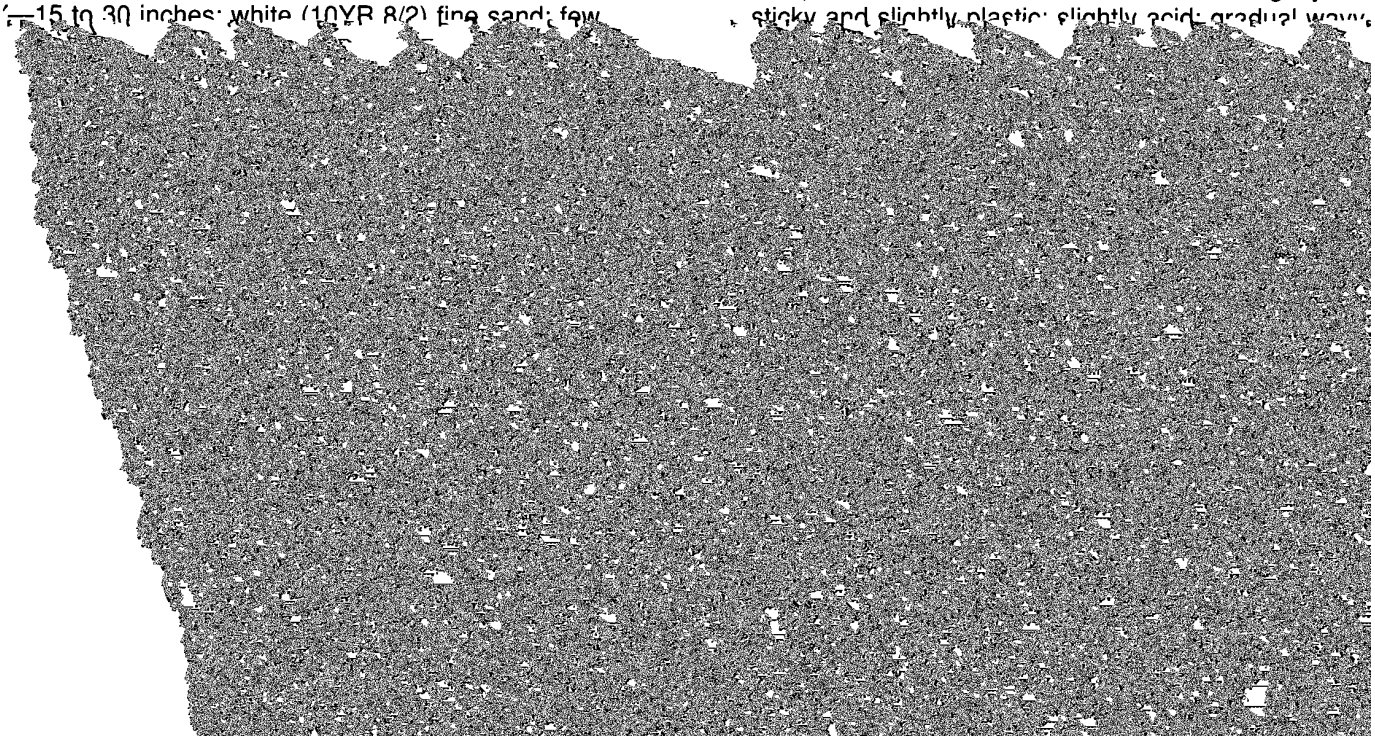
Typical pedon of Baymeade fine sand, 0 to 6 percent slopes, 1.9 miles south of Hubert, 1.6 miles south of the intersection of North Carolina Highways 24 and 172, and 100 feet west of the intersection of North Carolina Highway 172 and a logging road (2,529,000X; 344,000Y):

A—0 to 2 inches; gray (10YR 5/1) fine sand; single grain; loose; few fine roots; strongly acid; clear wavy boundary.

E—2 to 9 inches; light gray (10YR 7/2) fine sand; single grain; loose; few fine roots; strongly acid; clear wavy boundary.

E/Bh—9 to 15 inches; light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) fine sand; single grain; loose; few soft nodules of dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4), organic-coated sand ⅛ to ¼ inch in diameter; few fine roots; strongly acid; clear wavy boundary.

E′—15 to 30 inches; white (10YR 8/2) fine sand; few



part of the E/Bh horizon has hue of 7.5YR or 10YR, value of 3 to 5, and chroma of 2 to 4. It is fine sand, fine sandy loam, or sand. It makes up 5 to 20 percent of the horizon.

The Bt horizon has hue of 7.5YR to 2.5Y, value of 5 or 6, and chroma of 4 to 8. It is fine sandy loam or sandy clay loam.

The BC horizon has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 5 or 6, and chroma of 4 to 8. It is loamy sand, sandy loam, or fine sandy loam.

The C horizon has hue of 10YR, value of 6 to 8, and chroma of 1 to 8. It is fine sand or loamy fine sand.

Bohicket Series

The Bohicket series consists of very poorly drained soils in tidal marshes that are less than 3 feet above sea level. These soils formed in silty and clayey sediments that were washed from the drainage areas of freshwater streams. Slope is less than 1 percent.

Typical pedon of Bohicket silty clay loam, on the eastern side of Sanders Channel, 0.2 mile east of an inlet from the Intracoastal Waterway (2,546,000X; 328,000Y):

A—0 to 8 inches; dark gray (N 4/0) silty clay loam; massive; friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; slightly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg1—8 to 38 inches; dark gray (N 4/0) silty clay that has pockets of silt loam; massive; friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; slightly acid; gradual wavy

Typical pedon of Carteret fine sand, 5 miles southwest of the intersection of North Carolina Highway 210 and State Road 1568, about 0.1 mile north of the intersection of North Carolina Highway 210 and Wildlife Road, 100 feet northwest of Wildlife Island Road (3,029,000X; 7,727,000Y):

Oi—7 inches to 0; very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2), slightly decomposed litter and roots.

Cg1—0 to 7 inches; gray (10YR 5/1) fine sand; single grain; loose; neutral; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg2—7 to 45 inches; dark gray (5Y 4/1) fine sand; single grain; loose; moderately alkaline; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg3—45 to 50 inches; dark greenish gray (5GY 4/1) sandy loam; massive; slightly sticky; moderately alkaline; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg4—50 to 65 inches; dark gray (5Y 4/1) fine sand; single grain; slightly sticky; moderately alkaline.

The sandy and loamy horizons extend to a depth of 65 inches or more. The soils range from medium acid to moderately alkaline throughout. Some pedons have few to many shell fragments.

The O horizon, if it occurs, has hue of 10YR, value of 3, and chroma of 1 or 2. It is a dense root mat and decaying organic matter.

Cg1—21 to 44 inches; light brownish gray (2.5Y 6/2) fine sand; single grain; loose; moderately alkaline; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg2—44 to 72 inches; grayish brown (10YR 5/2) sand; single grain; loose; about 5 percent shells and small shell fragments; common black mineral grains; moderately alkaline.

The sandy horizons extend to a depth of 72 inches or more. The soils range from medium acid to mildly alkaline throughout.

The A horizon has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 3 to 6, and chroma of 1 to 3, or it is neutral in hue and has value of 3 to 6. Some pedons have an Ab horizon. This horizon is 24 to 72 inches below the surface. It is similar in color to the A horizon.

The C horizon has hue of 10YR to 5Y, value of 5 to 7, and chroma of 2 to 4. The Cg horizon has hue of 10YR to 5Y, value of 4 to 7, and chroma of 1 or 2, or it is neutral in hue and has value of 4 to 7. It is fine sand to coarse sand.

Craven Series

The Craven series consists of moderately well drained soils on uplands. These soils formed in fine textured marine sediments. Slope ranges from 1 to 8 percent.

Btg—34 to 48 inches; gray (10YR 6/1) clay; common fine distinct light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4), few fine prominent red (2.5YR 5/8), and few medium distinct strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) mottles; moderate fine angular blocky structure; very firm, sticky and very plastic; thin clay films on faces of peds and in pores; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

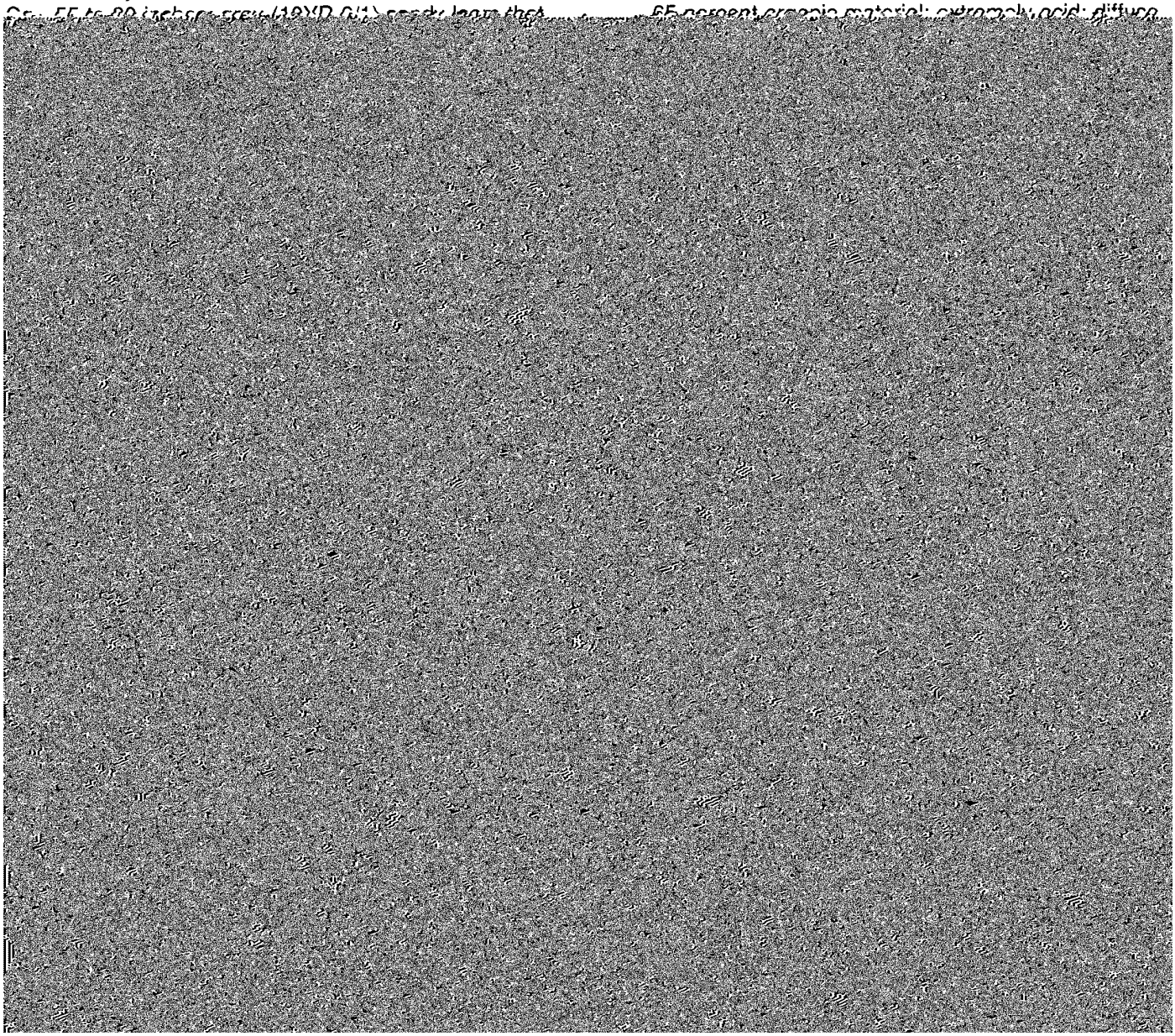
BCg—48 to 55 inches; gray (10YR 6/1) clay loam; common coarse distinct yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) and common fine prominent red (10R 4/8) mottles; moderate fine angular blocky structure; firm, sticky and plastic; very strongly acid; clear wavy boundary.

Cg—55 to 80 inches; gray (10YR 6/1) sandy loam that

structure; very friable; common fine and medium roots; few clean sand grains; about 80 percent organic material; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Oa2—9 to 23 inches; black (N 2/0) muck; about 5 percent fiber, 1 percent rubbed; weak medium granular structure; very friable; few fine and medium roots; few clean sand grains; about 75 percent organic material; extremely acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Oa3—23 to 34 inches; black (7.5YR 2/1) muck; about 10 percent fiber, 2 percent rubbed; massive; very friable; few fine roots; few clean sand grains; about 65 percent organic material; extremely acid; diffuse



Dorovan Series

The Dorovan series consists of very poorly drained, organic soils on flood plains. These soils formed in plant residue over sandy sediments. Slope is less than 1 percent.

Typical pedon of Dorovan muck, 1.7 miles southwest of Tar Landing, 0.1 mile east of the intersection of Deerfield and Wilberry Roads, 0.7 mile east of the intersection of Wilberry and Woods Roads, 300 feet north of a power line (2,460,000X; 372,500Y):

Oe—0 to 4 inches; very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) muck; about 60 percent fiber, 20 percent rubbed; massive; many medium roots; about 25 percent silt and fine sand; strongly acid; clear wavy boundary.

Oa1—4 to 32 inches; dark reddish brown (5YR 2/2) muck; about 40 percent fiber, 6 percent rubbed; massive; common fine roots; about 30 percent silt and fine sand; strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Oa2—32 to 80 inches; dark reddish brown (5YR 2/2) muck; about 25 percent fiber, 5 percent rubbed; massive; about 30 percent silt and fine sand; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

2Cg—80 to 99 inches; very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) sandy loam that has strata of loamy sand; few medium distinct dark gray (10YR 4/1) mottles; massive; very friable; neutral.

The decomposed organic layers extend to a depth of 51 inches or more. They are very strongly acid or strongly acid.

The surface and subsurface organic layers have hue of 5YR to 10YR, value of 2 or 3, and chroma of 1 or 2. They have few or common clean sand grains. The substratum is sand to sandy loam.

The Dorovan soils in this county are a taxadjunct to the series because they are less acid than is definitive for the series. This difference, however, does not significantly affect the use, management, or behavior of the soils.

Duckston Series

The Duckston series consists of poorly drained soils that formed in sandy windblown material deposited in shallow depressions or on flats between sand ridges and marshes. Slope ranges from 0 to 2 percent.

Typical pedon of Duckston fine sand, on Onslow Island, 0.5 mile north of New River Inlet (2,503,000X; 290,500Y):

A—0 to 7 inches; dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) fine sand; single grain; loose; many fine roots; neutral; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg1—7 to 19 inches; light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) fine sand; single grain; loose; neutral; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg2—19 to 60 inches; gray (5Y 5/1) fine sand; single grain; loose; about 4 percent fine shell fragments; neutral.

The sandy horizons extend to a depth of 60 inches or more. The soils range from medium acid to moderately alkaline throughout. Some pedons have small, calcareous shell fragments. The soils have few or common grains of black, red, pink, dark brown, and white minerals. Some pedons have a sulfur odor below the surface layer.

The A horizon has hue of 10YR to 5Y, value of 3 to 5, and chroma of 1 or 2, or it is neutral in hue and has value of 3 to 5. The Cg horizon has hue of 10YR to 5Y, value of 4 to 8, and chroma of 1 or 2; has hue of 5GY, value of 5 or 6, and chroma of 1; or is neutral in hue and has value of 4 to 8. It is fine sand or sand.

Foreston Series

The Foreston series consists of moderately well drained soils on uplands. These soils formed in moderately coarse textured sediments. Slope ranges from 0 to 2 percent.

Typical pedon of Foreston loamy fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes, 1.3 miles northeast of Piney Green, 0.7 mile east of the intersection of State Road 1411 and Lake Cole Road, in a road cut on the northern side of State Road 1411 (2,511,500X; 362,000Y):

A—0 to 6 inches; dark gray (10YR 4/1) loamy fine sand; weak medium granular structure; very friable; common fine roots; strongly acid; clear wavy boundary.

EB—6 to 12 inches; light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) fine sandy loam; few fine distinct strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) mottles; weak medium granular structure; very friable; very strongly acid; clear wavy boundary.

Bt1—12 to 21 inches; brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) fine sandy loam; weak medium granular structure; very friable; few patchy clay films on sand grains; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Bt2—21 to 36 inches; brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) fine sandy loam; common coarse distinct light gray (10YR 7/1) and common fine distinct yellowish red (5YR 5/8) mottles; weak medium granular structure; very friable; few patchy clay films on sand grains; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Btg—36 to 58 inches; light gray (10YR 7/1) fine sandy loam; common medium distinct brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) and few coarse prominent red (2.5YR

5/8) mottles; weak medium granular structure; very friable; common patchy clay films on sand grains; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

BCg—58 to 70 inches; light gray (10YR 7/1) fine sandy loam that has strata of sandy clay loam; common fine distinct brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) mottles; weak medium granular structure; very friable; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg—70 to 80 inches; light gray (10YR 7/1) loamy fine sand that has strata of fine sand; single grain; loose; very strongly acid.

The sandy and loamy horizons extend to a depth of 60 inches or more. The soils are very strongly acid or strongly acid throughout unless the surface has been limed.

The Ap or A horizon has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 3 or 4, and chroma of 1 or 2. The upper part of the Bt horizon has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 5 or 6, and chroma of 4 to 6. The lower part has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 5 to 8, and chroma of 1 or 2. The mottles in this horizon are in shades of yellow, brown, gray, or red. The Bt horizon is sandy loam or fine sandy loam. The BCg and Cg horizons have hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 6 or 7, and chroma of 1 or 2. They are sand, loamy fine sand, loamy sand, sandy loam, fine

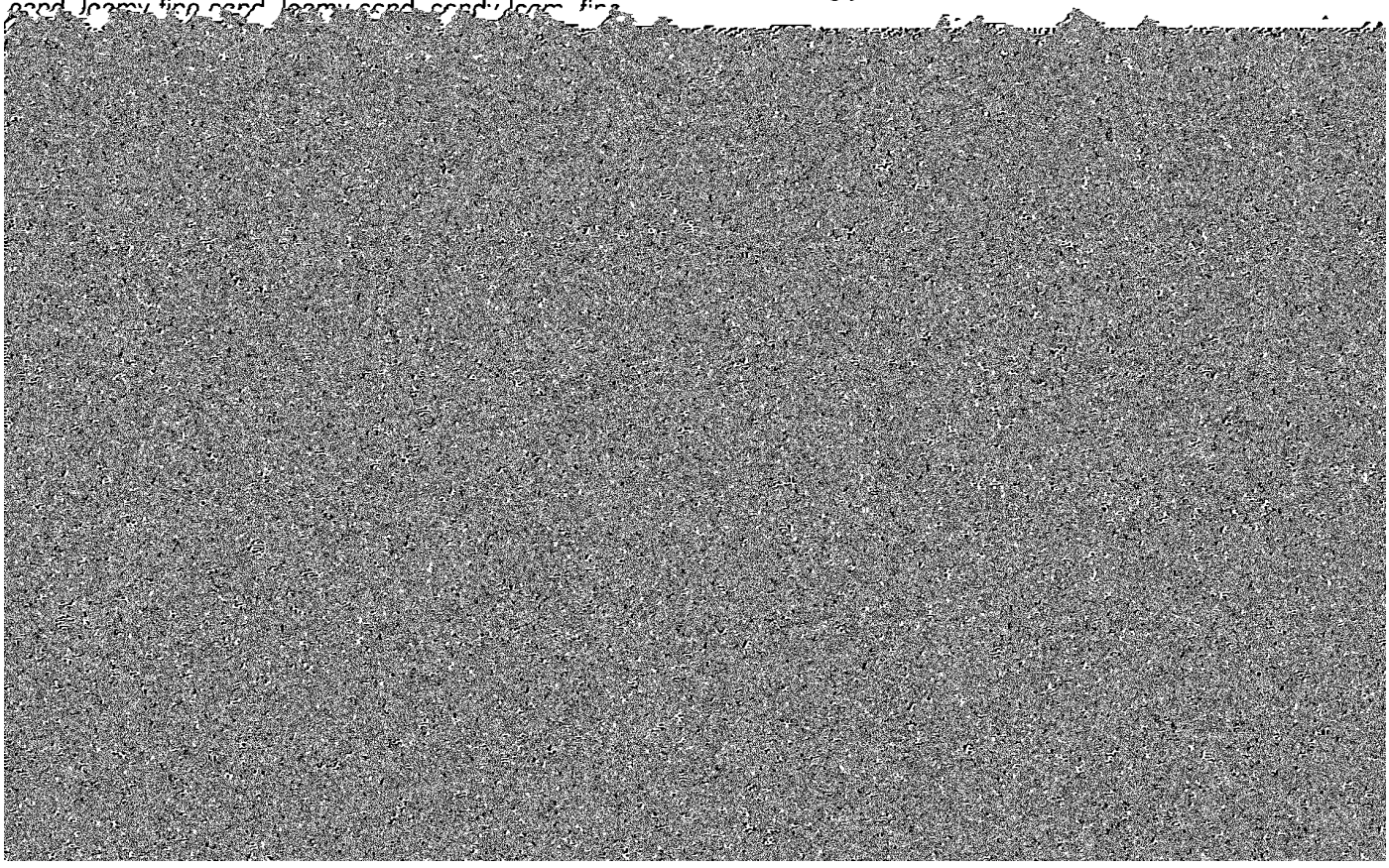
peds; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Bt2—24 to 40 inches; light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) sandy clay loam; common medium distinct light gray (10YR 7/2) and strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; thin patchy clay films on faces of peds; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

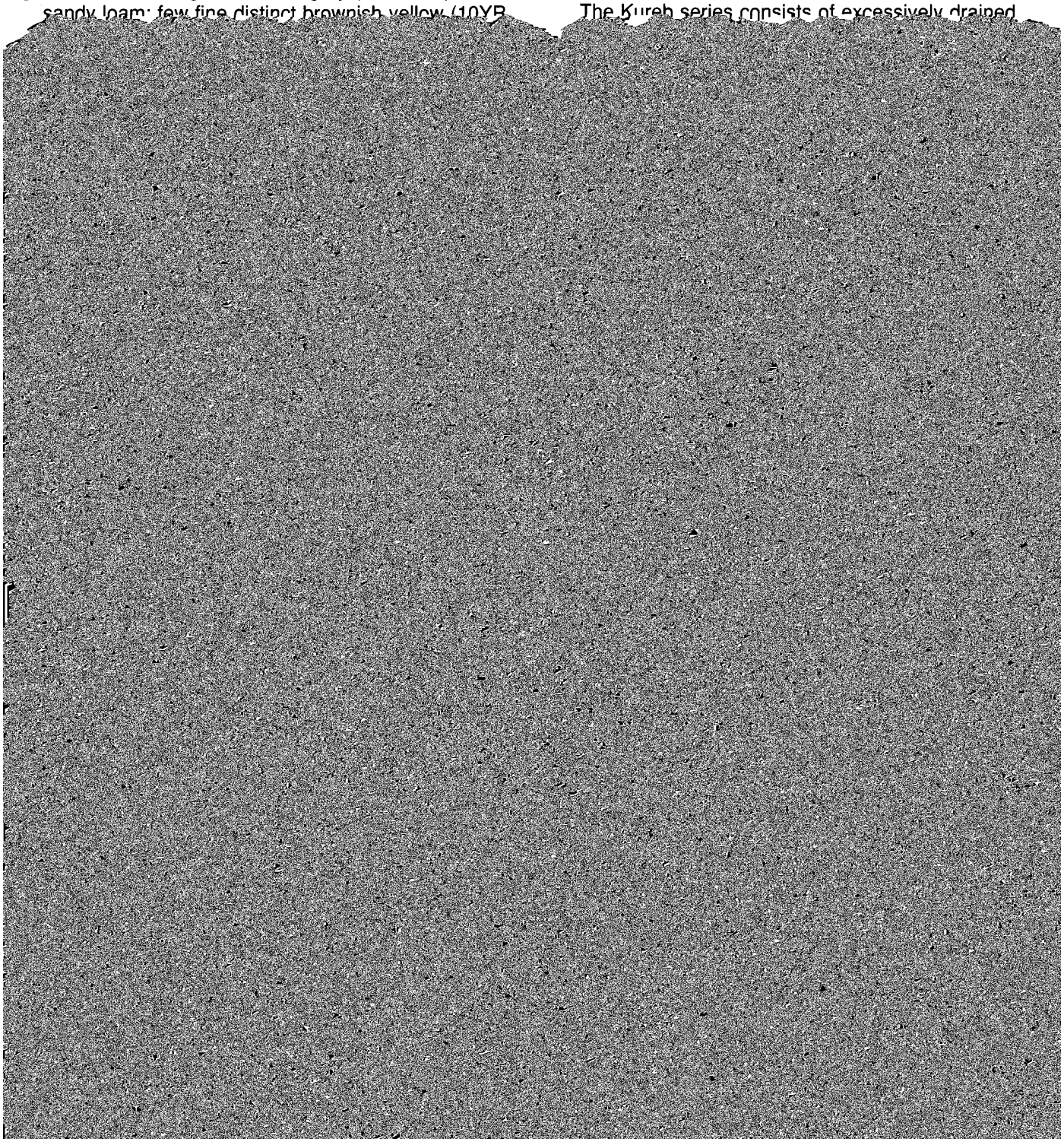
Btg—40 to 60 inches; light gray (10YR 6/1) sandy clay loam; few medium prominent red (2.5YR 5/8) and common medium distinct strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; thin patchy clay films on faces of peds; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

BCg—60 to 68 inches; light gray (10YR 7/1) sandy clay loam that has thin strata of sandy loam; common fine faint brownish yellow and few medium distinct strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg—68 to 80 inches; gray (10YR 6/1) sandy loam that has thin strata of loamy sand; massive; friable; very strongly acid.



very friable; slightly acid; clear wavy boundary.
Eg—4 to 9 inches; light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) fine sandy loam; few fine distinct brownish yellow (10YR



Kureb Series

The Kureb series consists of excessively drained

horizon is sand or fine sand. The C horizon has hue of

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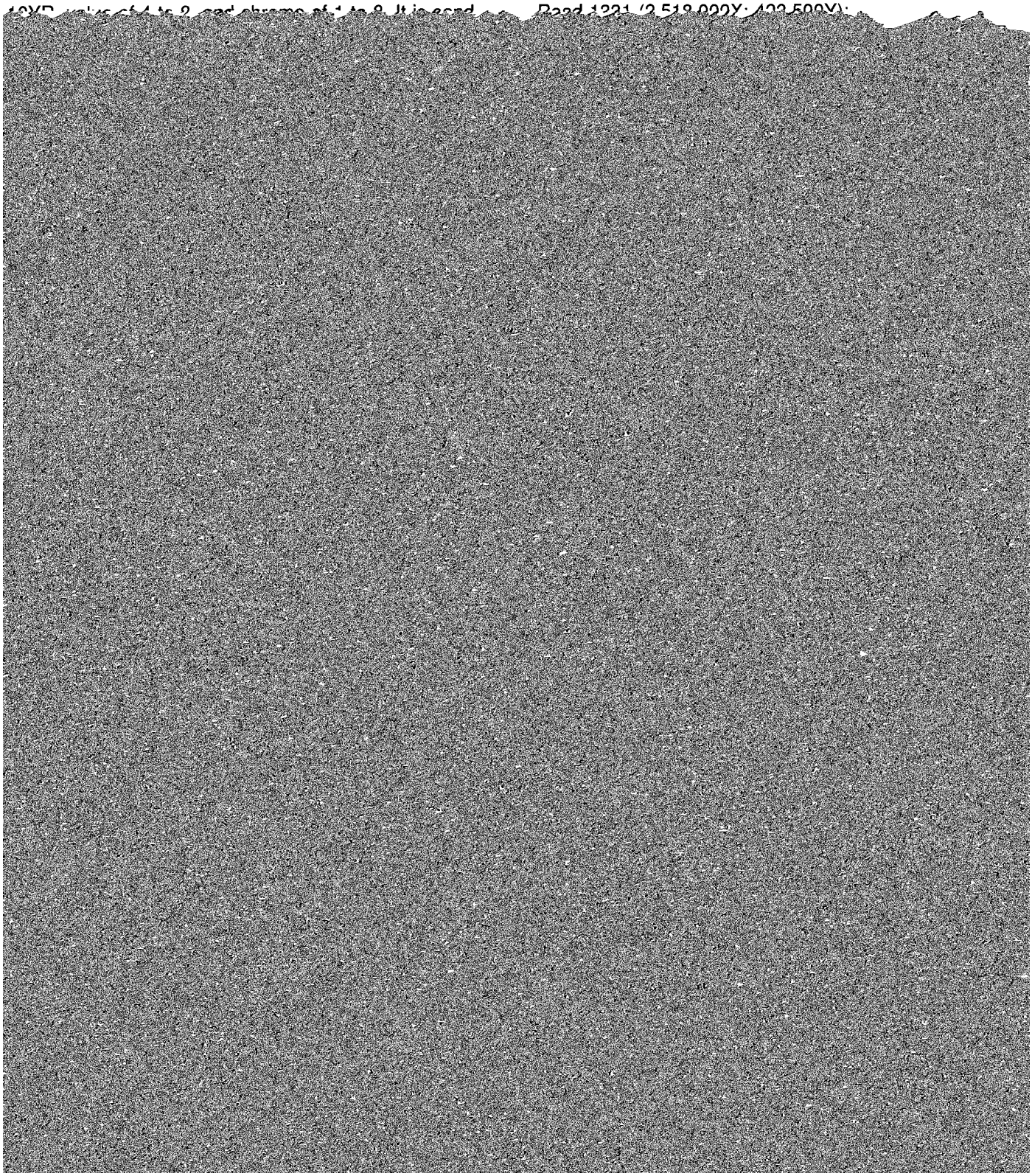


chroma of 3 to 6. It has grayish mottles. The lower part has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 5 to 7, and chroma of 1 or 2. The Bt horizon is clay or clay loam. The BCg and Cg horizons have hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 4 to 7, and chroma of 1 or 2. They are clay, clay loam, sandy clay, sandy clay loam, or loam.

Leon Series

The Leon series consists of poorly drained soils on uplands. These soils formed in coarse textured sediments. Slope ranges from 0 to 3 percent.

Typical pedon of Leon fine sand, 2.7 miles northeast of Holly Ridge, 0.1 mile northwest of the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 and Forest Road, 0.2 mile southeast of a railroad crossing (2,446,000X; 283,000Y):

A—0 to 5 inches; dark gray (10YR 4/1) fine sand; single grain; loose; about one-third of sand grains are uncoated; common medium and fine roots; extremely acid; clear wavy boundary.

E—5 to 17 inches; light gray (10YR 7/1) fine sand; single grain; loose; very strongly acid; abrupt wavy boundary.

Bh1—17 to 24 inches; dark reddish brown (5YR 2/2) fine sand; massive; weakly cemented; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Bh2—24 to 51 inches; dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2) fine sand; massive; weakly cemented; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

E′—51 to 59 inches; grayish brown (10YR 5/2) fine sand; massive; very friable; very strongly acid; clear wavy boundary.

B′h—59 to 95 inches; black (5YR 2/1) fine sand; massive; weakly cemented; very strongly acid.

The sandy horizons extend to a depth of 80 inches or more. The soils are extremely acid or very strongly acid throughout unless the surface has been limed.

The A or Ap horizon has hue of 10YR, value of 2 to 4, and chroma of 1. The Bh horizon has hue of 5YR, value of 2 or 3, and chroma of 1 to 3. It is weakly cemented when wet and strongly cemented when dry. The E′ horizon has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 5 to 7, and chroma of 1 or 2. The B′h horizon is similar in color to the Bh horizon. It is weakly cemented when wet

miles north of Deppe, 0.5 mile southwest of the intersection of State Road 1330 and U.S. Highway 17, and 100 feet east of the intersection of State Road 1330 and a farm path (2,517,500X; 423,500Y):

Ap—0 to 6 inches; dark gray (10YR 4/1) fine sandy loam; weak medium granular structure; very friable; few medium roots; slightly acid; abrupt smooth boundary.

E—6 to 9 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) fine sandy loam; weak medium granular structure; very friable; few fine roots; slightly acid; clear smooth boundary.

EB—9 to 13 inches; light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) fine sandy loam; few fine distinct light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; very friable; few fine roots; medium acid; gradual wavy boundary.

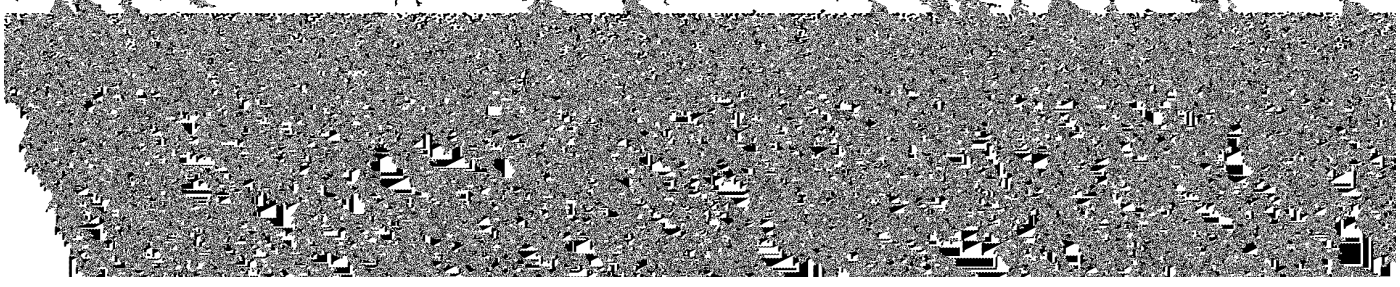
Bt—13 to 21 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) sandy clay loam; few fine distinct brownish yellow (10YR 6/8) and few medium faint light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; thin patchy clay films on faces of peds; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Btg1—21 to 36 inches; gray (10YR 6/1) sandy clay loam; common fine distinct reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/8) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; thin patchy clay films on faces of peds; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Btg2—36 to 45 inches; gray (10YR 6/1) sandy clay loam; common medium distinct reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/8) and few fine prominent red (2.5YR 5/8) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; thin patchy clay films on faces of peds; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

BCg—45 to 63 inches; gray (10YR 6/1) sandy clay loam that has strata of sandy clay; common fine distinct reddish yellow (7.5YR 6/8), few fine prominent red (2.5YR 5/8), and few fine faint light gray mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable, sticky and plastic; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg—63 to 80 inches; light brownish gray (10YR 6/2)



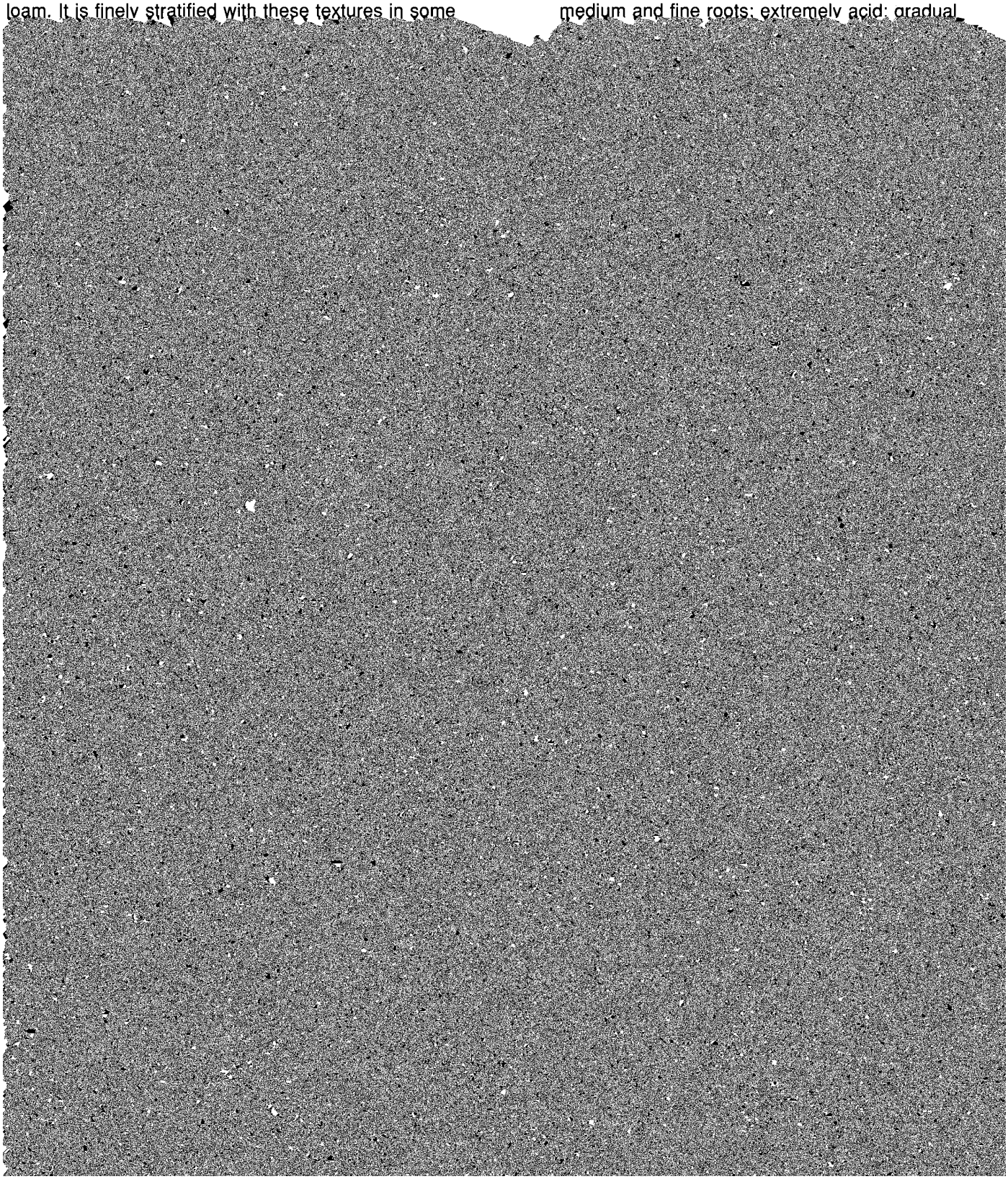
4, and chroma of 1 or 2. The Bt horizon has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 5 or 6, and chroma of 3 to 8. It has few to many grayish mottles in the upper part.

5/6) mottles; massive; friable; very strongly acid.

The sandy and loamy horizons extend to a depth of 40 to more than 60 inches. The soils are very strongly

loam. It is finely stratified with these textures in some

medium and fine roots; extremely acid; gradual



2.5Y, value of 6 to 8, and chroma of 1 to 4. It is fine sand or sand.

Norfolk Series

The Norfolk series consists of well drained soils on uplands. These soils formed in moderately fine textured sediments. Slope ranges from 0 to 6 percent.

Typical pedon of Norfolk loamy fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes, 0.7 mile south of Jarman's Crossroads, 0.3 mile southwest of the intersection of State Road 1238 and a farm road, 20 feet west of the farm road (2,423,500X; 422,000Y):

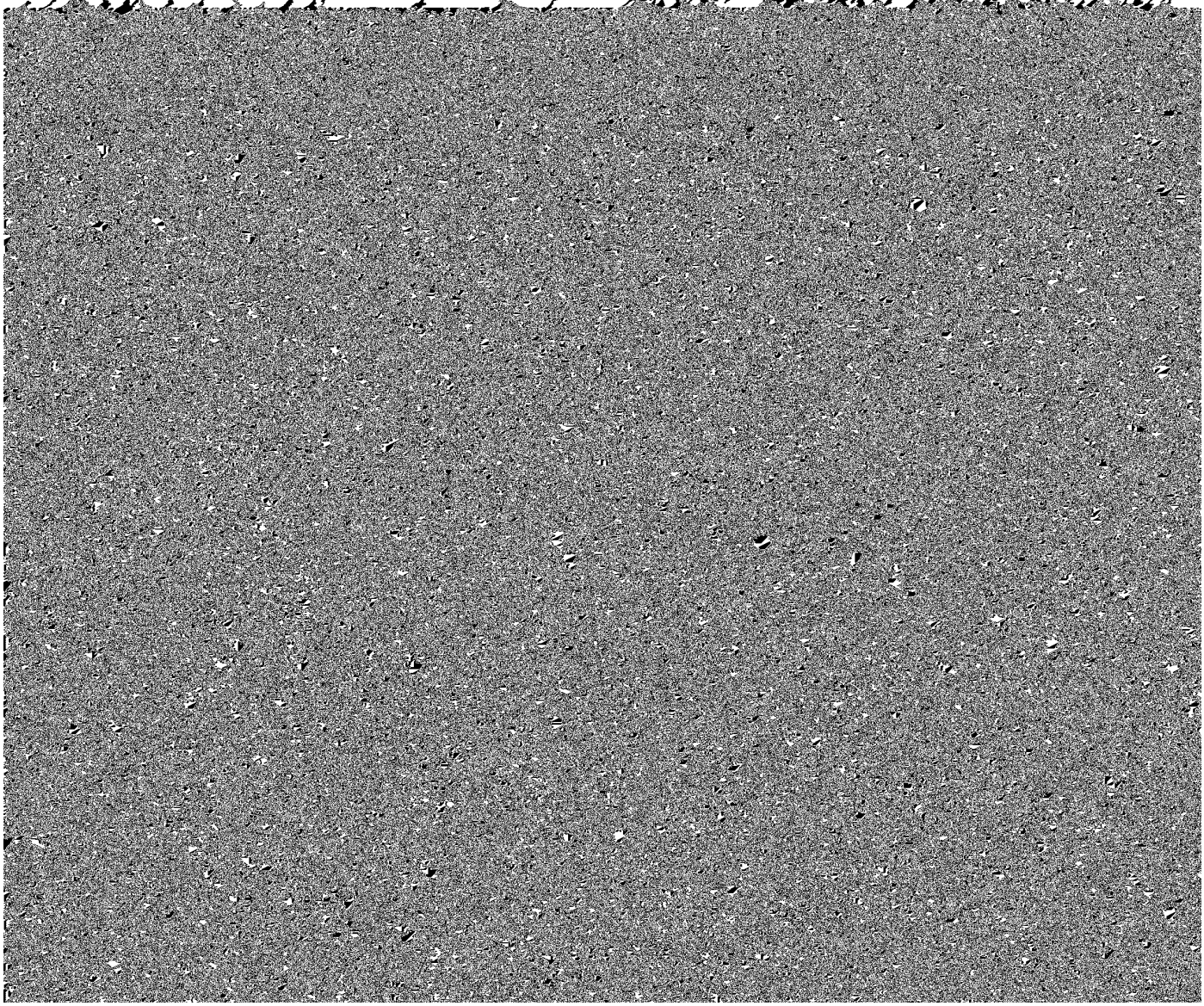
Ap—0 to 6 inches; brown (10YR 5/3) loamy fine sand; weak medium granular structure; very friable; few

clay loam in the upper part and ranges to sandy clay in the lower part. The BC horizon is commonly mottled and has hue of 10YR to 2.5YR, value of 5 to 8, and chroma of 1 to 8. It is loamy sand to sandy clay. It is commonly stratified.

Onslow Series

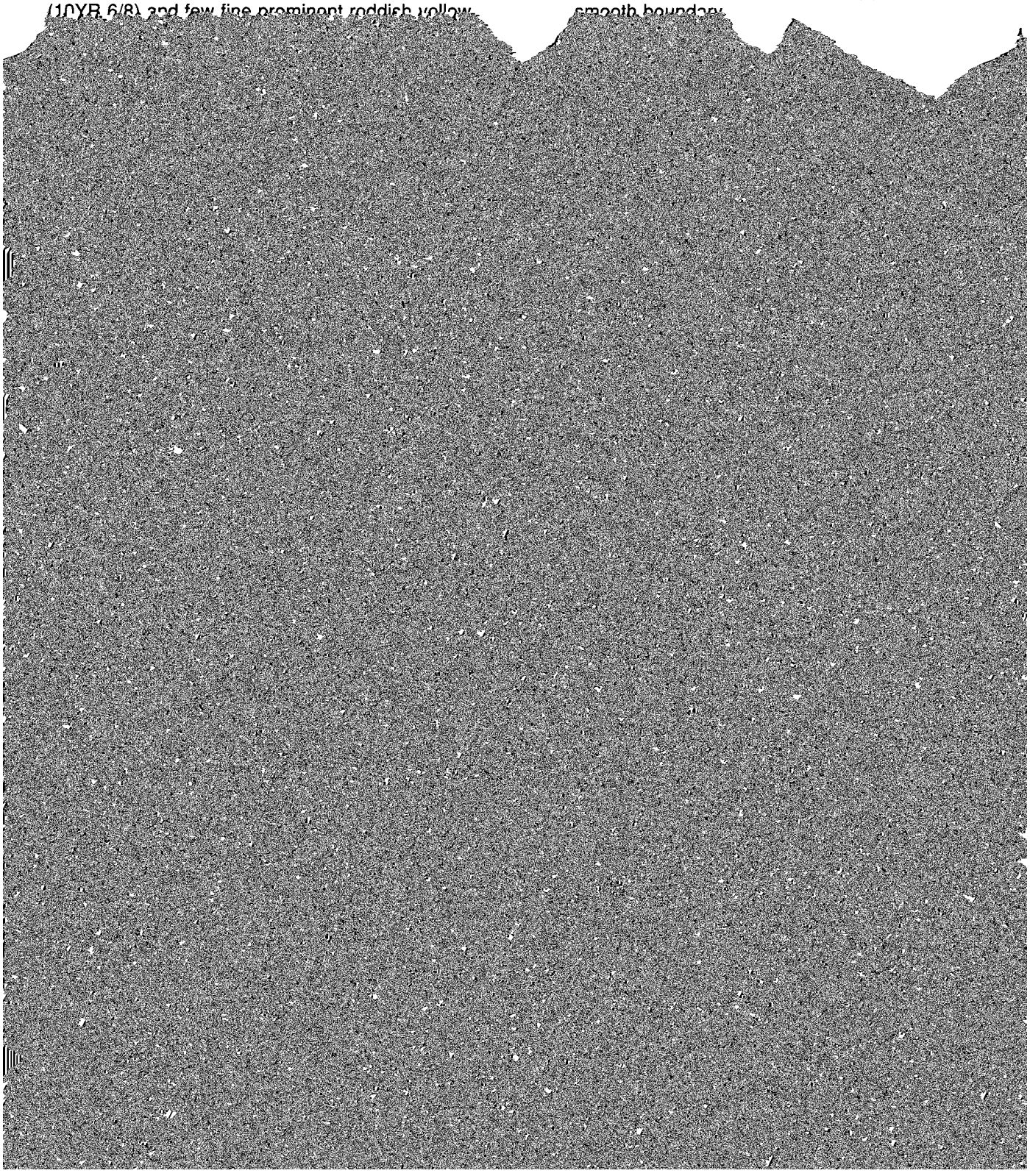
The Onslow series consists of moderately well drained and somewhat poorly drained soils on uplands. These soils formed in moderately fine textured sediments. Slope ranges from 0 to 3 percent.

Typical pedon of Onslow loamy fine sand, 0.6 mile southwest of Swansboro, 0.3 mile north of the intersection of State Roads 1444 and 1447, and 100 feet east of State Road 1444 (2,564,000X; 351,000Y):



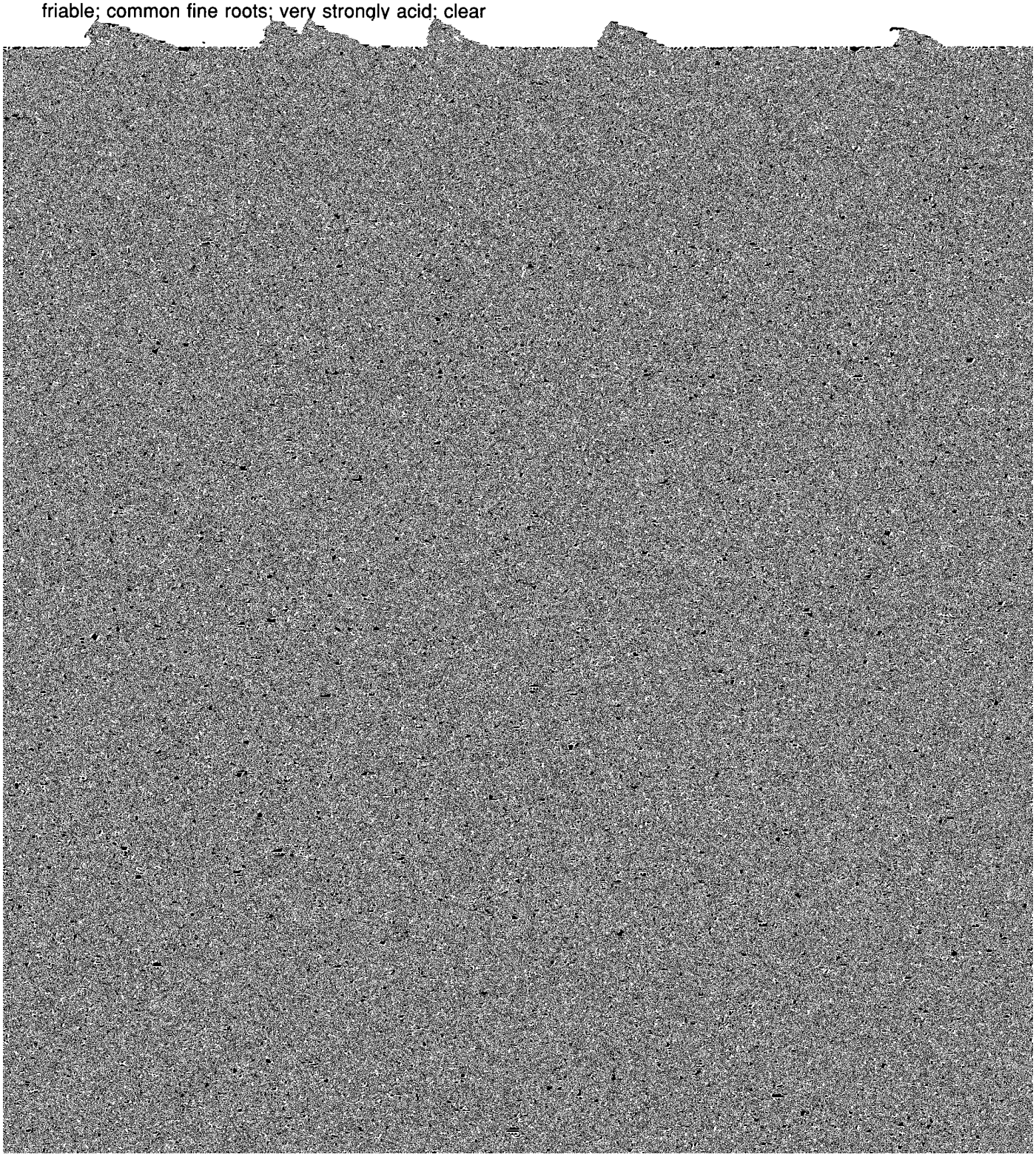
Btg—41 to 53 inches; light gray (10YR 7/2) sandy clay loam; common medium distinct brownish yellow (10YR 6/8) and few fine prominent reddish yellow

A1—0 to 3 inches; gray (10YR 5/1) fine sand; single grain; loose; few fine roots; strongly acid; clear smooth boundary.



E—14 to 17 inches; grayish brown (10YR 5/2) fine sandy loam; few fine distinct very dark gray (10YR 3/1) mottles; weak medium granular structure; very friable; common fine roots; very strongly acid; clear

State Roads 1324 and 1326, and 0.1 mile northeast of the intersection of a farm road and State Road 1324 (2,488,500X; 391,000Y):

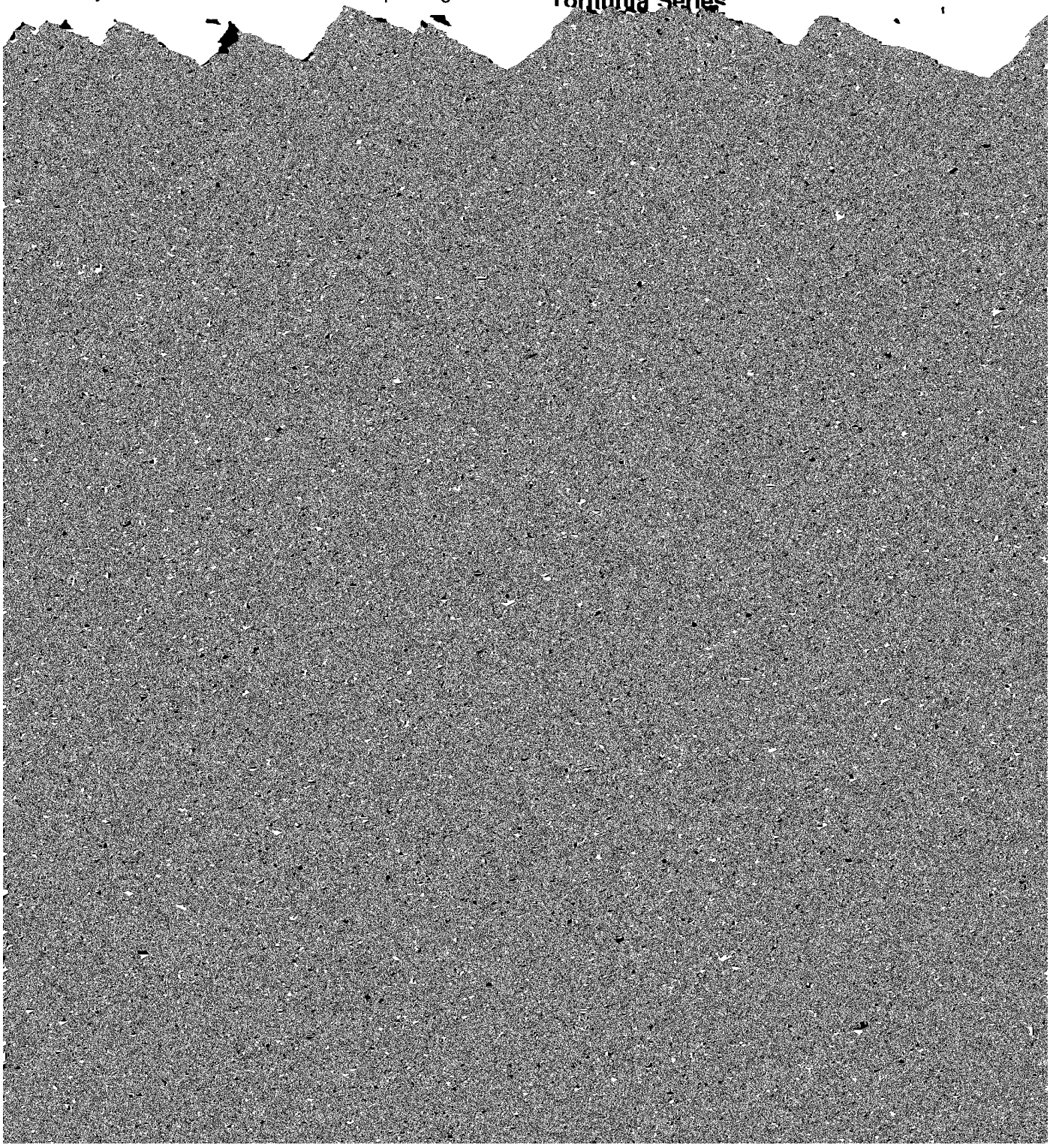


Stallings Series

The Stallings series consists of somewhat poorly drained soils on uplands. These soils formed in moderately coarse textured sediments. Slope ranges

horizon has hue of 10YR or 2.5Y, value of 6 or 7, and chroma of 1 or 2, or it is mottled. It is sand, loamy sand, fine sandy loam, or sandy clay loam.

Torhunta Series



Wando Series

The Wando series consists of excessively drained soils on uplands. These soils formed in coarse textured sediments. Slope ranges from 1 to 6 percent.

Typical pedon of Wando fine sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes, 5.6 miles south of Hubert, 1.2 miles east of the intersection of North Carolina Highway 172 and Bear Creek Tower Road, and 50 feet north of Bear Creek Tower Road (2,533,500X; 326,000Y):

A—0 to 6 inches; grayish brown (10YR 5/2) fine sand; single grain; loose; few fine roots; medium acid; clear wavy boundary.

C1—6 to 16 inches; yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) fine sand; single grain; loose; few fine roots; medium acid; clear wavy boundary.

C2—16 to 31 inches; strong brown (7.5YR 5/6) fine sand; few fine distinct dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) mottles; single grain; loose; few medium brownish yellow (10YR 6/8), weakly cemented concretions; medium acid; clear wavy boundary.

C3—31 to 36 inches; yellow (10YR 7/6) fine sand; single grain; loose; medium acid; gradual wavy boundary.

C4—36 to 47 inches; very pale brown (10YR 7/4) fine sand; single grain; loose; medium acid; clear wavy boundary.

C5—47 to 75 inches; very pale brown (10YR 7/4) fine sand; few medium distinct brownish yellow (10YR 6/8) mottles; single grain; loose; medium acid; clear wavy boundary.

C6—75 to 85 inches; light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) fine sand; single grain; loose; slightly acid.

Typical pedon of Wando loamy fine sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes, 1.2 miles east of the intersection of U.S. Highway 258 and Paper Company Road, 50 feet north of the road (2,412,500X; 449,000Y):

Ap—0 to 6 inches; very dark gray (10YR 3/1) loamy fine sand; weak medium granular structure; very friable; common fine roots; strongly acid; clear smooth boundary.

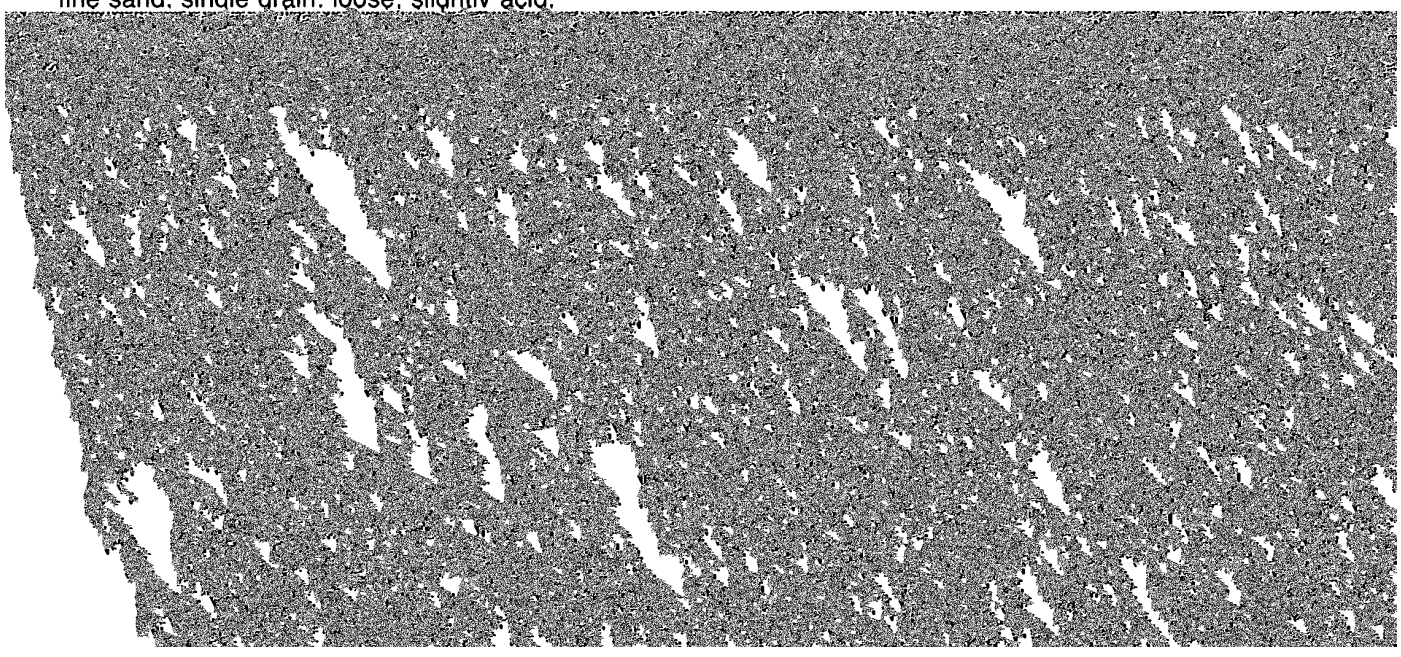
E—6 to 12 inches; grayish brown (10YR 5/2) loamy fine sand; weak medium granular structure; very friable; common fine roots; strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Btg1—12 to 30 inches; light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) fine sandy loam; few fine distinct yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable; few patchy clay films on sand grains; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Btg2—30 to 50 inches; light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) fine sandy loam; common medium distinct brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) mottles; weak fine subangular blocky structure; friable; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

BCg—50 to 65 inches; gray (10YR 6/1) fine sandy loam that has strata of loamy sand and sandy clay loam; few fine prominent strong brown (7.5YR 5/8), few fine distinct brownish yellow (10YR 6/6), and few medium distinct brown (7.5YR 5/2) mottles; massive; friable, slightly sticky; very strongly acid; gradual wavy boundary.

Cg—65 to 80 inches; light gray (10YR 7/2) sandy loam that has strata of sandy clay loam; few fine prominent strong brown (7.5YR 5/8) and common medium distinct brown (7.5YR 5/2) mottles; massive; friable, slightly sticky; very strongly acid.

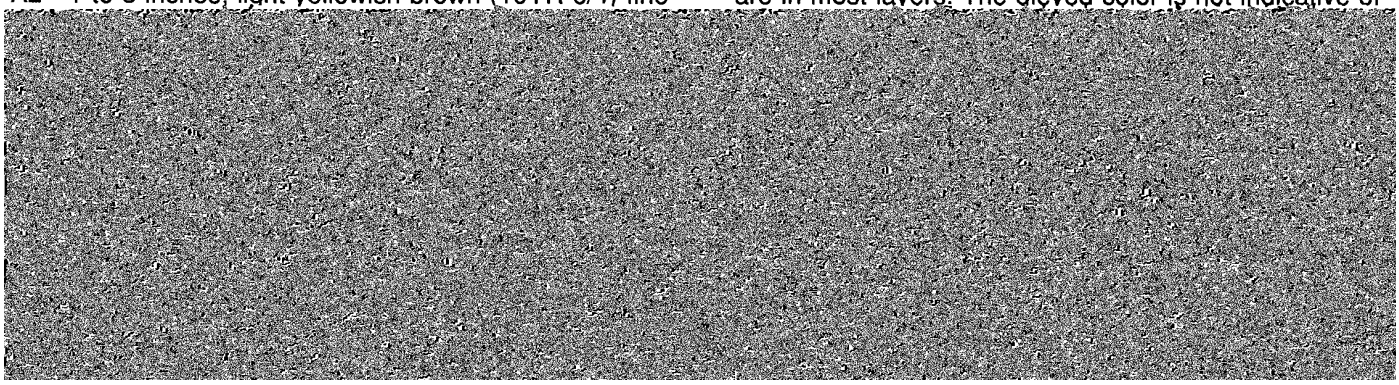


miles southwest of the bridge over North Carolina Highway 210 and the Intracoastal Waterway, at the end of the dredge spoil island near the channel of the waterway (2,461,000X; 272,000Y):

A1—0 to 1 inch; dark gray (10YR 4/1) fine sandy loam; weak medium granular structure; very friable; few fine roots; very strongly acid; abrupt smooth boundary.

A2—1 to 3 inches; light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) fine

The thickness of the dredge spoil ranges from 20 to more than 80 inches. Cracks open at the surface as a result of shrinkage. The cracks are 15 to 35 inches apart, are 2 to 8 inches wide, are about 30 inches deep, and are commonly filled with fine sand or silt loam. The surface layer ranges from very strongly acid to medium acid unless the surface has been limed. The substratum ranges from very strongly acid to moderately alkaline. Few or common small shells and fragments of shells are in most layers. The gleyed color is not indicative of



Formation of the Soils

Soil is the product of the combined effects of plants and animals, climate, parent material, relief, and time. These five factors determine the characteristics of the soil. The processes of soil formation include additions of organic and mineral material to the soil as solids, liquids, and gases; losses of this material from the soil; translocation of material from one point to another within the soil; and transformation of mineral and organic substances within the soil *(8)*.

Plant and Animal Life

Plants and animals determine the kinds of organic matter that form and the way they are incorporated into the soil. Organic matter is the primary source of nutrients and energy in many soils. For example, organic matter provides the energy needed for micro-organisms to consume oxygen in a saturated horizon. The micro-organisms can reduce the oxygen levels in the water, and the resulting anaerobic conditions can exist for days or even weeks. The saturation and anaerobic conditions of the soil are responsible for the gleyed colors in the subsoil of poorly drained soils *(11)*.

Plants and micro-organisms release organic and inorganic compounds that influence the chemical breakdown of minerals. Plant roots take up nutrients from the lower parts of the soil and deposit them on the surface when the foliage dies. Plant roots also improve soil structure and porosity. The roots hold soil in place, the foliage protects the surface, and both minimize erosion by wind and water.

Plant communities can affect soil formation over large areas. Pine forests, which enhance the formation of acid soils, cover most of the dissected uplands in Onslow County.

Animals and insects transfer soil particles from one horizon to another. The activity of earthworms and micro-organisms aids in the chemical breakdown of minerals and improves soil structure and porosity.

Climate

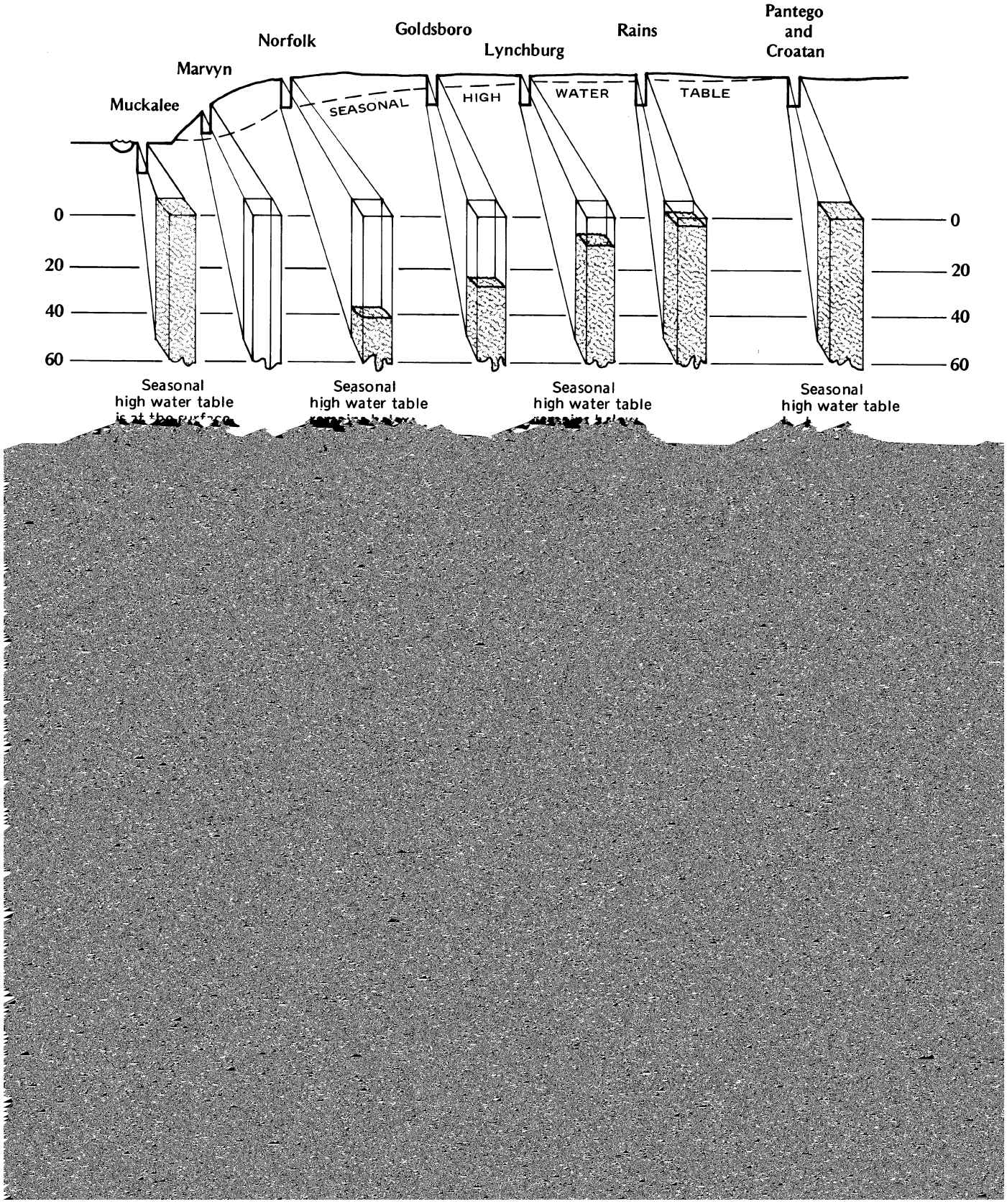
Climate has a major influence on the kinds of plants and animals living in and on the soil. The climate of Onslow County is warm and humid. Summers are long and hot, and winters are short and mild. Mild temperatures and abundant rainfall promote the rapid decomposition of organic matter, hasten chemical reactions, speed leaching of soluble bases, and promote the translocation of fine particles in the soil profile. Consequently, the soils generally are acid, strongly leached, and low in natural fertility, except for those that formed in marl. All of the soils have a higher content of clay in the B horizon than in the A or C horizon, except for those that formed in sandy material or recent alluvium.

Parent Material

Parent material has been an important factor in the formation of the soils of Onslow County. The soils formed in surficial sediments on the Wicomico and Talbot marine terraces, in alluvium recently deposited in drainageways, in accumulations of organic material on broad, undissected interstream divides, and in material weathered from limestone, which occurs very irregularly near the surface in the northern part of the county and in many sinks that are partially filled with sandy or clayey material.

The parent material was highly weathered when deposited, and it varied in mineral and chemical composition. Differences in soil characteristics, such as thickness and texture of horizons, mineralogy, color, and reaction, are determined by the differences in parent material.

Bohicket, Craven, Lenoir, and Yaupon soils formed in sediments that have a relatively high amount of clay and silt. Goldsboro, Grifton, Lynchburg, Marvyn, Norfolk, Onslow, Pantego, and Rains soils formed in sediments that have nearly equal amounts of sand, silt, and clay. Alpin, Carteret, Corolla, Duckston, Kureb, Leon, Murville, Newhan, Pactolus, and Wando soils formed mainly in sandy sediments. Autryville, Baymeade, Foreston, Masontown, Muckalee, Stallings, Torhunta, and Woodington soils formed in sediments that have a relatively high content of sand. Grifton and Muckalee soils formed in sediments containing marl that is high in content of calcium carbonate. These soils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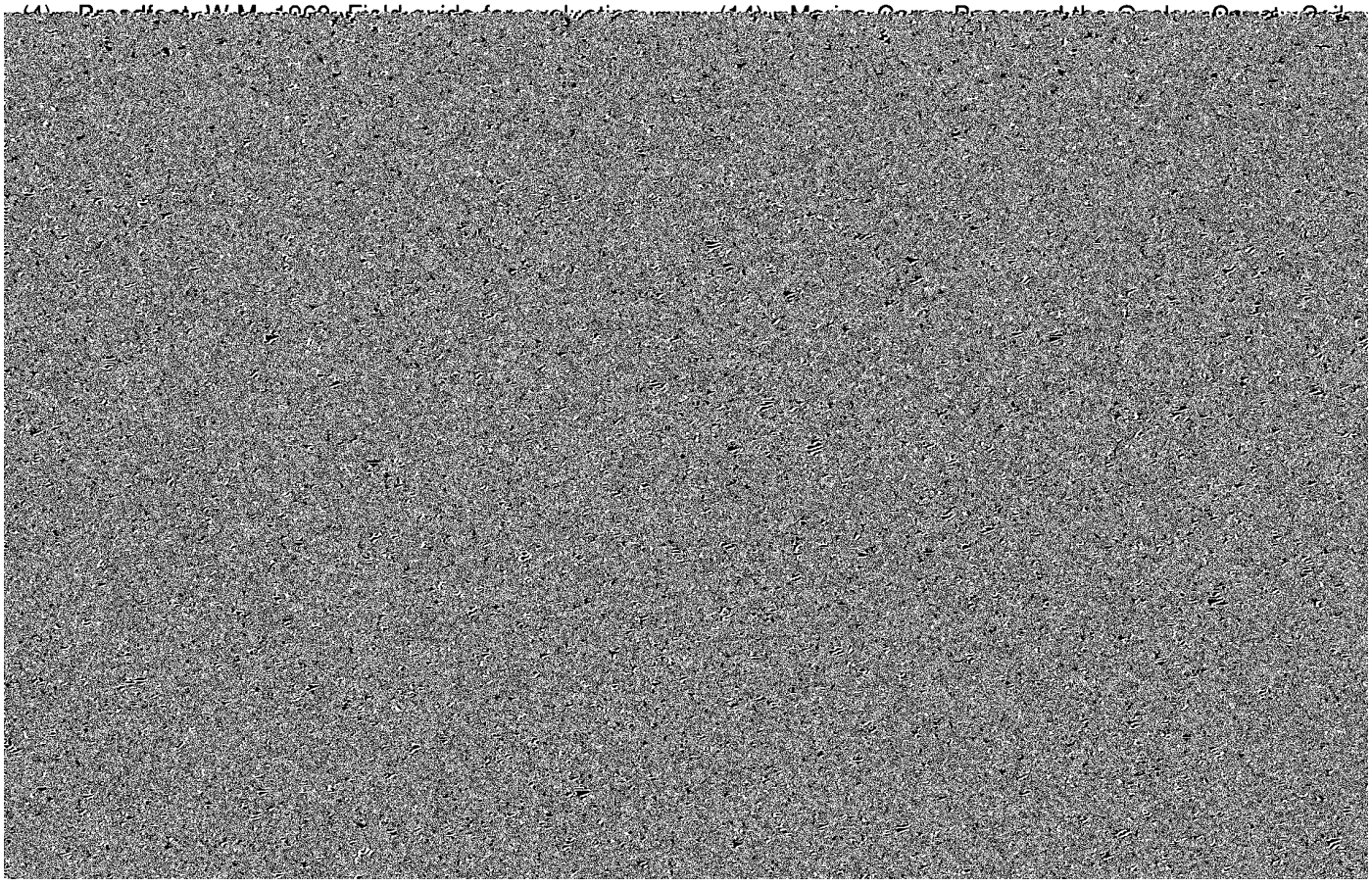

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Glossary

ABC soil. A soil having an A, a B, and a C horizon.

AC soil. A soil having only an A and a C horizon. Commonly, such soil formed in recent alluvium or on steep rocky slopes.

Aeration, soil. The exchange of air in soil with air from the atmosphere. The air in a well aerated soil is similar to that in the atmosphere; the air in a poorly aerated soil is considerably higher in carbon dioxide and lower in oxygen.

Alluvium. Material, such as sand, silt, or clay, deposited on land by streams.

Available water capacity (available moisture capacity). The capacity of soils to hold water available for use by most plants. It is commonly defined as the difference between the amount of soil water at field moisture capacity and the amount at wilting point. It is commonly expressed as inches of water per inch of soil. The capacity, in inches, in a 60-inch profile or to a limiting layer is expressed as:

Very low	0 to 3
Low	3 to 6

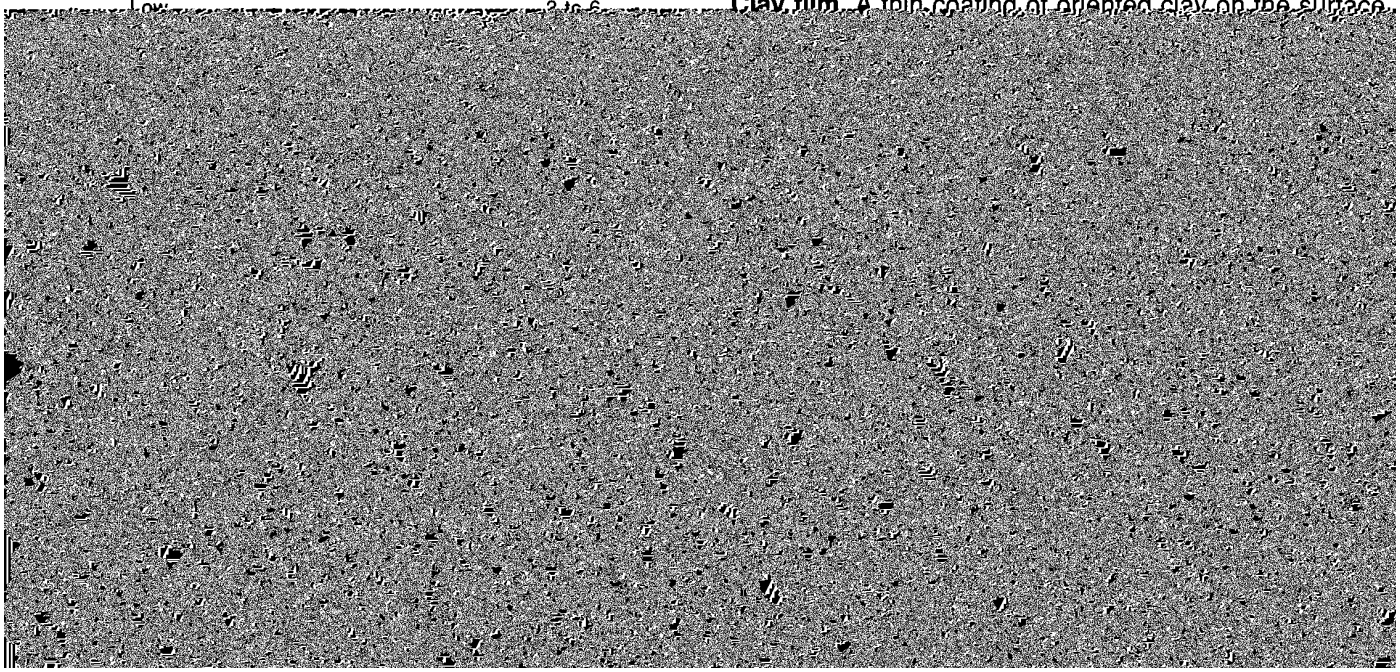
magnesium, sodium, and hydrogen.

Cation-exchange capacity. The total amount of exchangeable cations that can be held by the soil, expressed in terms of milliequivalents per 100 grams of soil at neutrality (pH 7.0) or at some other stated pH value. The term, as applied to soils, is synonymous with base-exchange capacity but is more precise in meaning.

Clay. As a soil separate, the mineral soil particles less than 0.002 millimeter in diameter. As a soil textural class, soil material that is 40 percent or more clay, less than 45 percent sand, and less than 40 percent silt.

Clayey. A general textural term that includes sandy clay, silty clay, and clay. According to family level criteria in the soil taxonomic system, a specific textural name referring to fine earth (particles less than 2 millimeters in size) containing 35 percent or more clay by weight within the control section. The content of rock fragments is less than 35 percent by volume.

Clay film. A thin coating of oriented clay on the surface



Loose.—Noncoherent when dry or moist; does not hold together in a mass.
Friable.—When moist, crushes easily under gentle pressure between thumb and forefinger and can be pressed together into a lump.
Firm.—When moist, crushes under moderate pressure between thumb and forefinger, but resistance is distinctly noticeable.
Plastic.—When wet, readily deformed by moderate pressure but can be pressed into a lump; will form a "wire" when rolled between thumb and forefinger.
Sticky.—When wet, adheres to other material and tends to stretch somewhat and pull apart rather than to pull free from other material.
Hard.—When dry, moderately resistant to pressure; can be broken with difficulty between thumb and forefinger.
Soft.—When dry, breaks into powder or individual grains under very slight pressure.
Cemented.—Hard; little affected by moistening.

Contour stripcropping. Growing crops in strips that follow the contour. Strips of grass or close-growing crops are alternated with strips of clean-tilled crops or summer fallow.

Corrosive. High risk of corrosion to uncoated steel or deterioration of concrete.

Cover crop. A close-growing crop grown primarily to improve and protect the soil between periods of regular crop production, or a crop grown between trees and vines in orchards and vineyards.

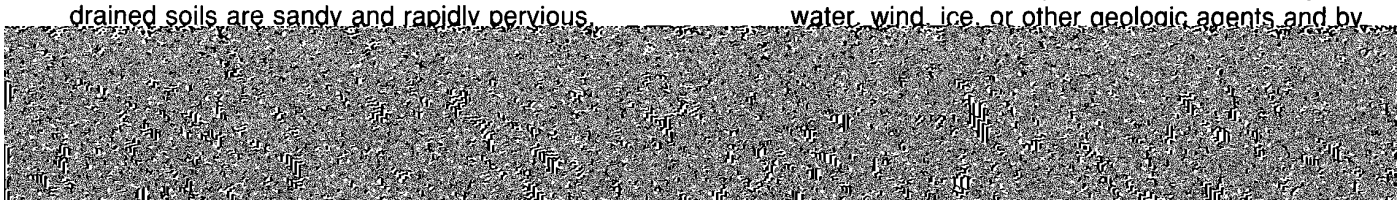
Cutbanks cave (in tables). The walls of excavations tend to cave in or slough.

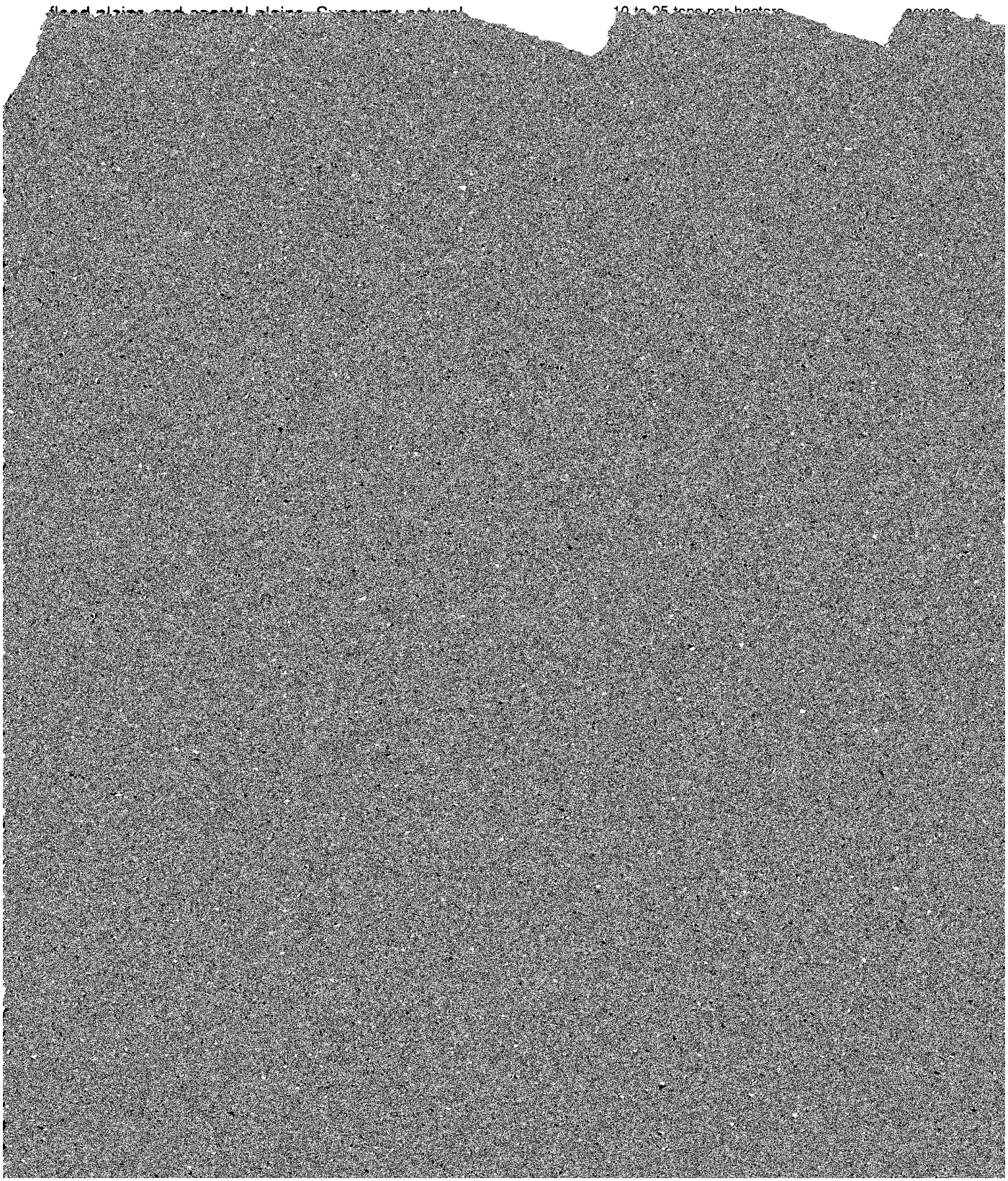
Drainage class (natural). Refers to the frequency and duration of periods of saturation or partial saturation during soil formation, as opposed to altered drainage, which is commonly the result of artificial drainage or irrigation but may be caused by the sudden deepening of channels or the blocking of drainage outlets. Seven classes of natural soil drainage are recognized:
Excessively drained.—Water is removed from the soil very rapidly. Excessively drained soils are commonly very coarse textured, rocky, or shallow. Some are steep. All are free of the mottling related to wetness.
Somewhat excessively drained.—Water is removed from the soil rapidly. Many somewhat excessively drained soils are sandy and rapidly pervious throughout most of the growing season, and wetness does not inhibit growth of roots for significant periods during most growing seasons. Well drained soils are commonly medium textured. They are mainly free of mottling.
Moderately well drained.—Water is removed from the soil somewhat slowly during some periods. Moderately well drained soils are wet for only a short time during the growing season, but periodically they are wet long enough that most mesophytic crops are affected. They commonly have a slowly pervious layer within or directly below the solum, or periodically receive high rainfall, or both.
Somewhat poorly drained.—Water is removed slowly enough that the soil is wet for significant periods during the growing season. Wetness markedly restricts the growth of mesophytic crops unless artificial drainage is provided. Somewhat poorly drained soils commonly have a slowly pervious layer, a high water table, additional water from seepage, or a combination of these.
Poorly drained.—Water is removed so slowly that the soil is saturated periodically during the growing season or remains wet for long periods. Free water is commonly at or near the surface for long enough during the growing season that most mesophytic crops cannot be grown unless the soil is artificially drained. The soil is not continuously saturated in layers directly below plow depth. Poor drainage results from a high water table, a slowly pervious layer within the profile, seepage, or a combination of these.
Very poorly drained.—Water is removed from the soil so slowly that free water remains at or on the surface during most of the growing season. Unless the soil is artificially drained, most mesophytic crops cannot be grown. Very poorly drained soils are commonly level or depressed and are frequently ponded. Yet, where rainfall is high, they can have moderate or high slope gradients.

Drainage, surface. Runoff, or surface flow of water, from an area.

Eolian soil material. Earthy parent material accumulated through wind action; commonly refers to sandy material in dunes or to loess in blankets on the surface.

Erosion. The wearing away of the land surface by water, wind, ice, or other geologic agents and by



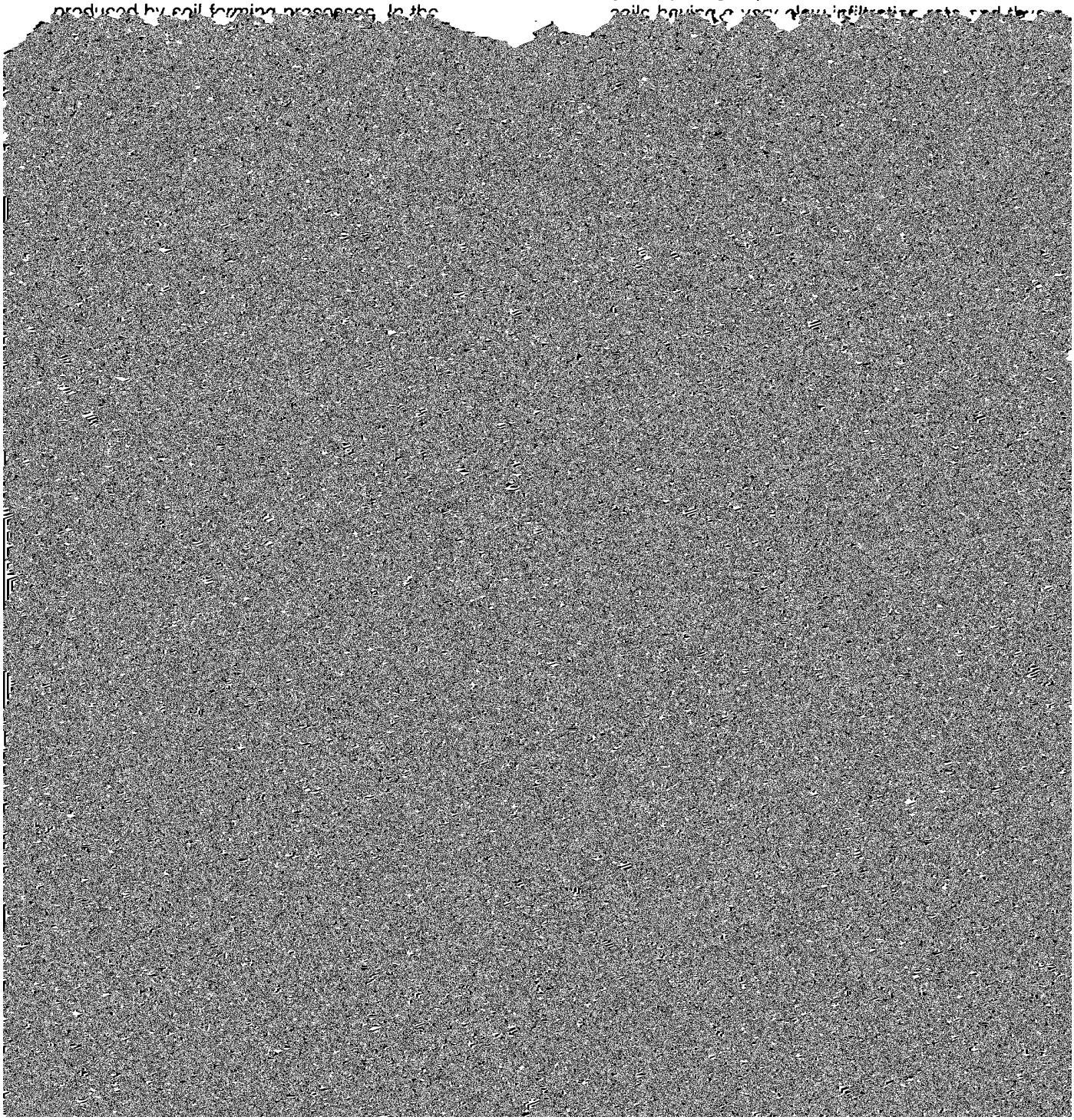


pores of underlying material below the water table.

Hemic soil material (mucky peat). Organic soil material intermediate in degree of decomposition between the less decomposed fibric and the more decomposed sapric material.

Horizon, soil. A layer of soil, approximately parallel to the surface, having distinct characteristics produced by soil forming processes. In the

slope and the kind of plant cover are not considered but are separate factors in predicting runoff. Soils are assigned to four groups. In group A are soils having a high infiltration rate when thoroughly wet and having a low runoff potential. They are mainly deep, well drained, and sandy or gravelly. In group D, at the other extreme, are



plains surrounded by levees or dikes.
Border.—Water is applied at the upper end of a strip in which the lateral flow of water is controlled by small earth ridges called border dikes, or borders.
Controlled flooding.—Water is released at intervals from closely spaced field ditches and distributed uniformly over the field.
Corrugation.—Water is applied to small, closely spaced furrows or ditches in fields of close-growing crops or in orchards so that it flows in only one direction.
Drip (or trickle).—Water is applied slowly and under low pressure to the surface of the soil or into the soil through such applicators as emitters, porous tubing, or perforated pipe.
Furrow.—Water is applied in small ditches made by cultivation implements. Furrows are used for tree and row crops.
Sprinkler.—Water is sprayed over the surface through pipes or nozzles from a pressure system.
Subirrigation.—Water is applied in open ditches or tile lines until the water table is raised enough to wet the soil.
Wild flooding.—Water, released at high points, is allowed to flow onto an area without controlled distribution.

Lamellae. Very thin, mostly horizontal layers of accumulated clay, iron, or other material common in some sands or loamy sands; associated with soil formation rather than geologic deposition.

Leaching. The removal of soluble material from soil or other material by percolating water.

Liquid limit. The moisture content at which the soil passes from a plastic to a liquid state.

Loam. Soil material that is 7 to 27 percent clay particles, 28 to 50 percent silt particles, and less than 52 percent sand particles.

Loamy. A general textural term that includes coarse sandy loam, sandy loam, fine sandy loam, very

areas generally are covered with sedges, cattails, rushes, or other hydrophytic (water-loving) plants. Subgroups are:
Freshwater.—Lowland areas bordering rivers, creeks, and lakes that are flooded by fresh water and dominated by halophobic (salt-intolerant) plants.
Salt.—Lowland areas bordering coastal islands, sounds, bays, and sloughs that are flooded by salt water and dominated by halophytic (salt-tolerant) plants.
Tidal.—Lowland areas bordering rivers, creeks, and sloughs and traversed by interlacing channels. During high tides these areas are inundated by either salt water or brackish water. They dominated by halophytic (salt-tolerant) plants.

Medium textured soil. Very fine sandy loam, loam, silt loam, or silt.

Mineral soil. Soil that is mainly mineral material and low in organic material. Its bulk density is more than that of organic soil.

Minimum tillage. Only the tillage essential to crop production and prevention of soil damage.

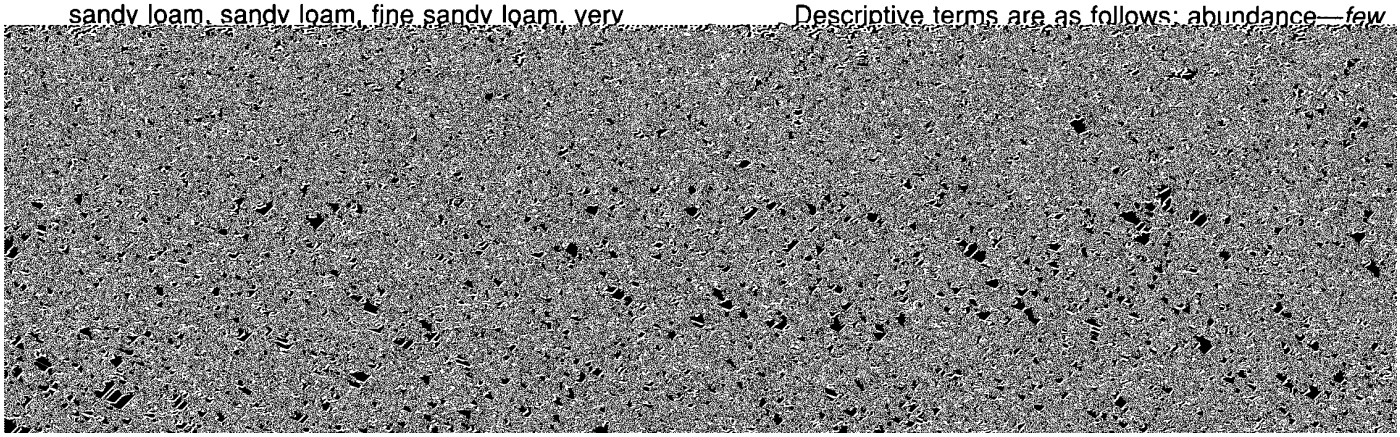
Miscellaneous area. An area that has little or no natural soil and supports little or no vegetation.

Moderately coarse textured soil. Coarse sandy loam, sandy loam, or fine sandy loam.

Moderately fine textured soil. Clay loam, sandy clay loam, or silty clay loam.

Morphology, soil. The physical makeup of the soil, including the texture, structure, porosity, consistence, color, and other physical, mineral, and biological properties of the various horizons, and the thickness and arrangement of those horizons in the soil profile.

Mottling, soil. Irregular spots of different colors that vary in number and size. Mottling generally indicates poor aeration and impeded drainage. Descriptive terms are as follows: abundance—*few*



No-till planting. A method of planting crops in which there is virtually no seedbed preparation. A thin slice of the soil is opened, and the seed is planted at the desired depth.

Nutrient, plant. Any element taken in by a plant essential to its growth. Plant nutrients are mainly nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sulfur, iron, manganese, copper, boron, and zinc obtained from the soil and carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen obtained from the air and water.

Organic matter. Plant and animal residue in the soil in various stages of decomposition.

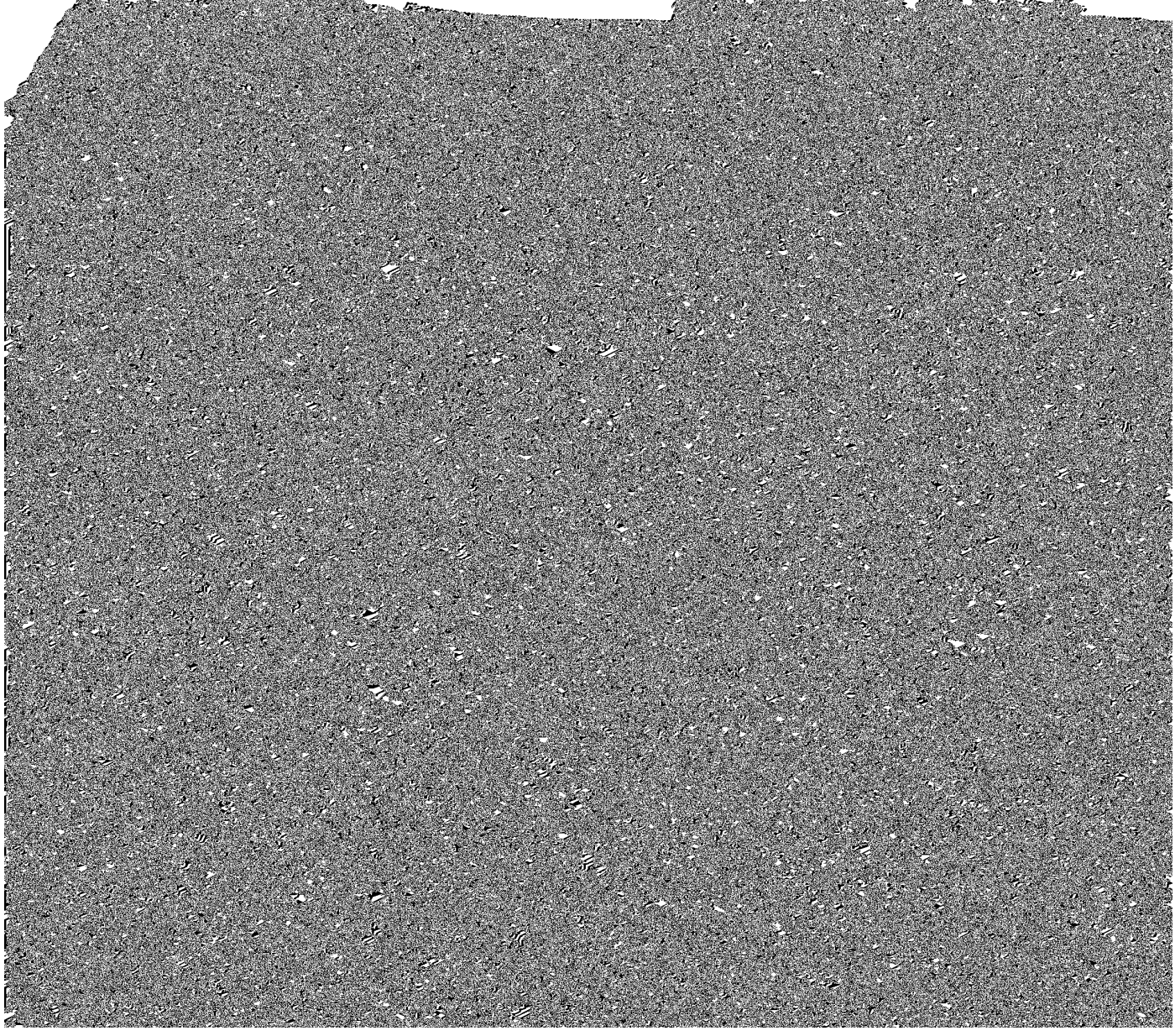
moisture content within which the soil remains plastic.

Plastic limit. The moisture content at which a soil changes from semisolid to plastic.

Plowpan. A compacted layer formed in the soil directly below the plowed layer.

Pocosin. Waterlogged land in large, flat interstream areas that are elevated above the distant flood plains. The soils are typically high in content of organic matter and support plants that are tolerant of wetness.

Ponding. Standing water on soils in closed depressions. Unless the soils are artificially



Rooting depth (in tables). Shallow root zone. The soil is shallow over a layer that greatly restricts roots.

Runoff. The precipitation discharged into stream channels from an area. The water that flows off the surface of the land without sinking into the soil is called surface runoff. Water that enters the soil before reaching surface streams is called ground-water runoff or seepage flow from ground water.

Salty water (in tables). Water that is too salty for consumption by livestock.

Sand. As a soil separate, individual rock or mineral fragments from 0.05 millimeter to 2.0 millimeters in diameter. Most sand grains consist of quartz. As a soil textural class, a soil that is 85 percent or more sand and not more than 10 percent clay.

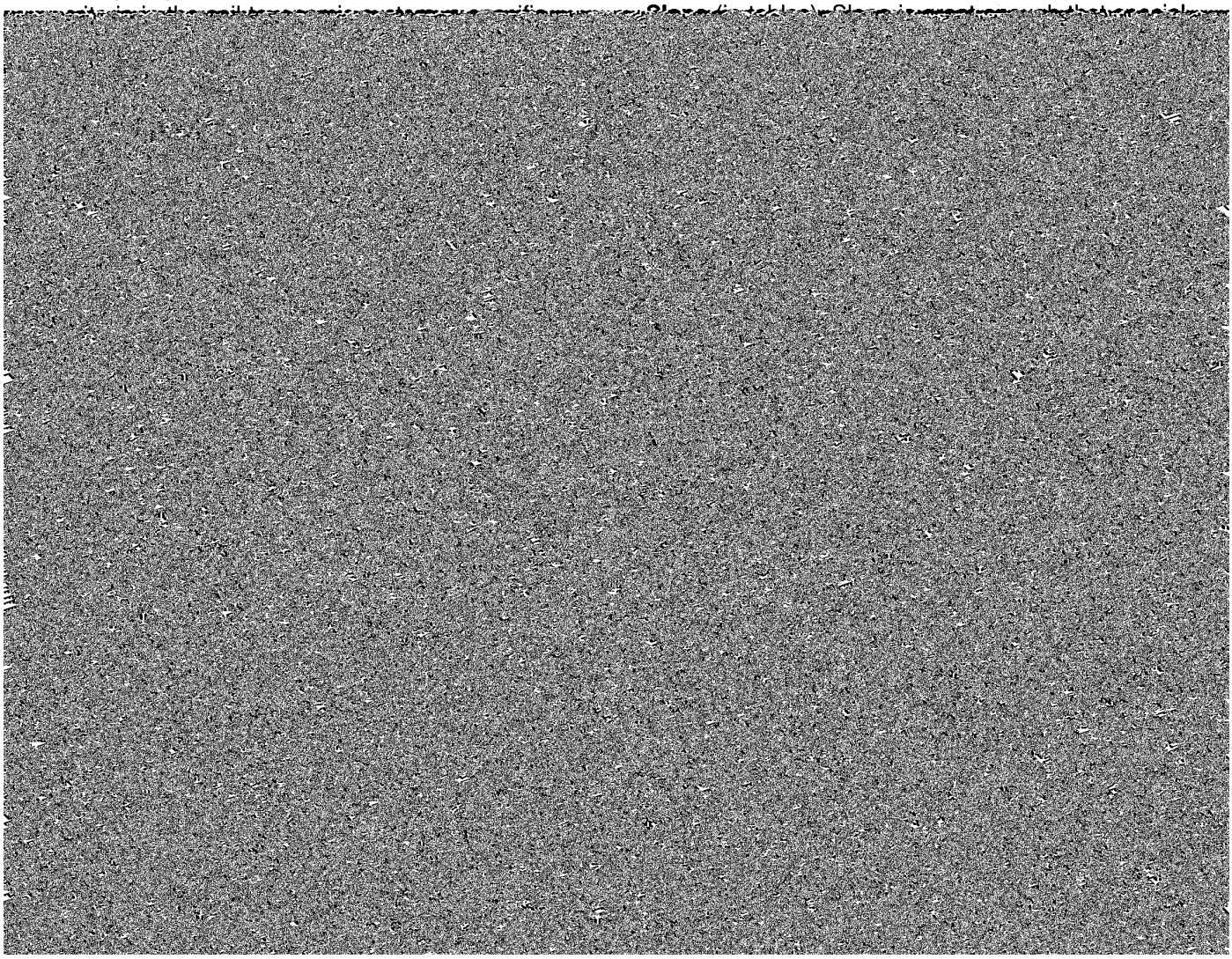
Sandy. A general textural term that includes coarse sand, sand, fine sand, very fine sand, loamy coarse sand, loamy sand, loamy fine sand, and loamy very fine sand. According to family level

that is 80 percent or more silt and less than 12 percent clay.

Similar soils. Soils that share limits of diagnostic criteria, behave and perform in a similar manner, and have similar conservation needs or management requirements for the major land uses in the survey area.

Site index. A designation of the quality of a forest site based on the height of the dominant stand at an arbitrarily chosen age. For example, if the average height attained by dominant and codominant trees in a fully stocked stand at the age of 50 years is 75 feet, the site index is 75 feet.

Slope. The inclination of the land surface from the horizontal. Percentage of slope is the vertical distance divided by horizontal distance, then multiplied by 100. Thus, a slope of 20 percent is a drop of 20 vertical feet in 100 feet of horizontal distance.

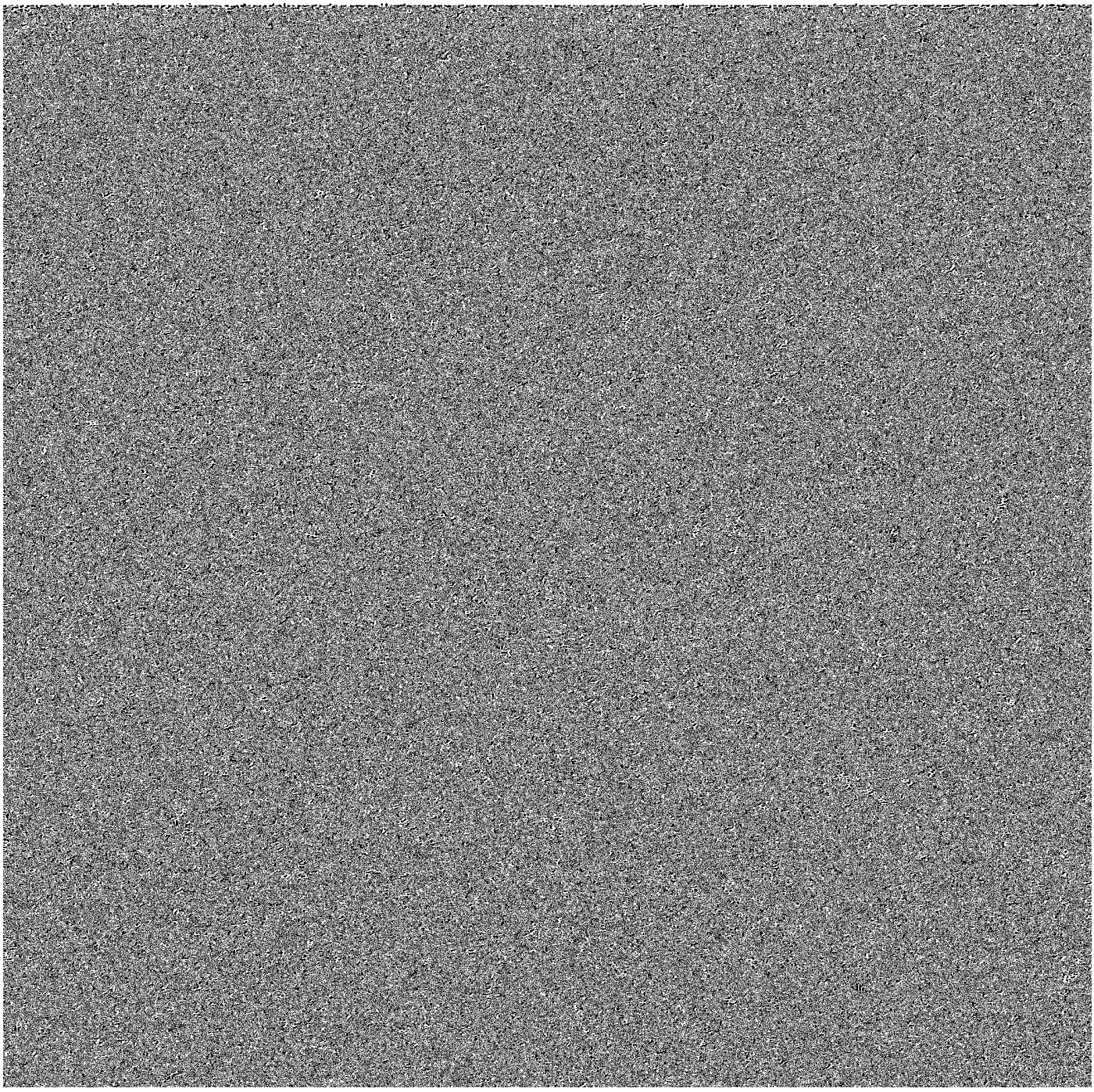


The principal forms of soil structure are—*platy* (laminated), *prismatic* (vertical axis of aggregates longer than horizontal), *columnar* (prisms with rounded tops), *blocky* (angular or subangular), and *granular*. *Structureless* soils are either *single grain* (each grain by itself, as in dune sand) or *massive* (the particles adhering without any regular cleavage, as in many hardpans).

Stubble mulch. Stubble or other crop residue left on

plus 1½ times the percentage of clay does not exceed 15.

Loamy sands (loamy coarse sand, loamy sand, loamy fine sand, and loamy very fine sand).—Soil material in which, at the upper limit, the content of sand is 85 to 90 percent and the percentage of silt plus 1½ times the percentage of clay is not less than 15; at the lower limit, the content of sand is 70 to 85 percent and the percentage of silt plus



earth's surface by atmospheric agents. These changes result in disintegration and decomposition of the material.

Well graded. Refers to soil material consisting of coarse grained particles that are well distributed over a wide range in size or diameter. Such soil normally can be easily increased in density and bearing properties by compaction. Contrasts with poorly graded soil.

Wetness. A general term applied to soils that hold water at or near the surface long enough to be a common management problem.

Wilting point (or permanent wilting point). The moisture content of soil, on an ovendry basis, at which a plant (specifically a sunflower) wilts so much that it does not recover when placed in a humid, dark chamber.

Tables

TABLE 1.--TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION

(Recorded in the period 1951-79 at Maysville, North Carolina)

Month	Temperature						Precipitation				
				2 years in 10 will have--				2 years in 10 will have--			
	Average daily maximum	Average daily minimum	Average	Maximum temperature higher than--	Minimum temperature lower than--	Average number of growing degree days*	Average	Less than--	More than--	Average number of days with 0.10 inch or more	Average snowfall
	°F	°F	°F	°F	°F	Units	In	In	In		In
January-----	56.3	31.0	43.7	78	9	69	4.10	2.36	5.64	8	1.2
February----	58.3	32.2	45.3	79	9	55	4.01	2.38	5.46	7	.8

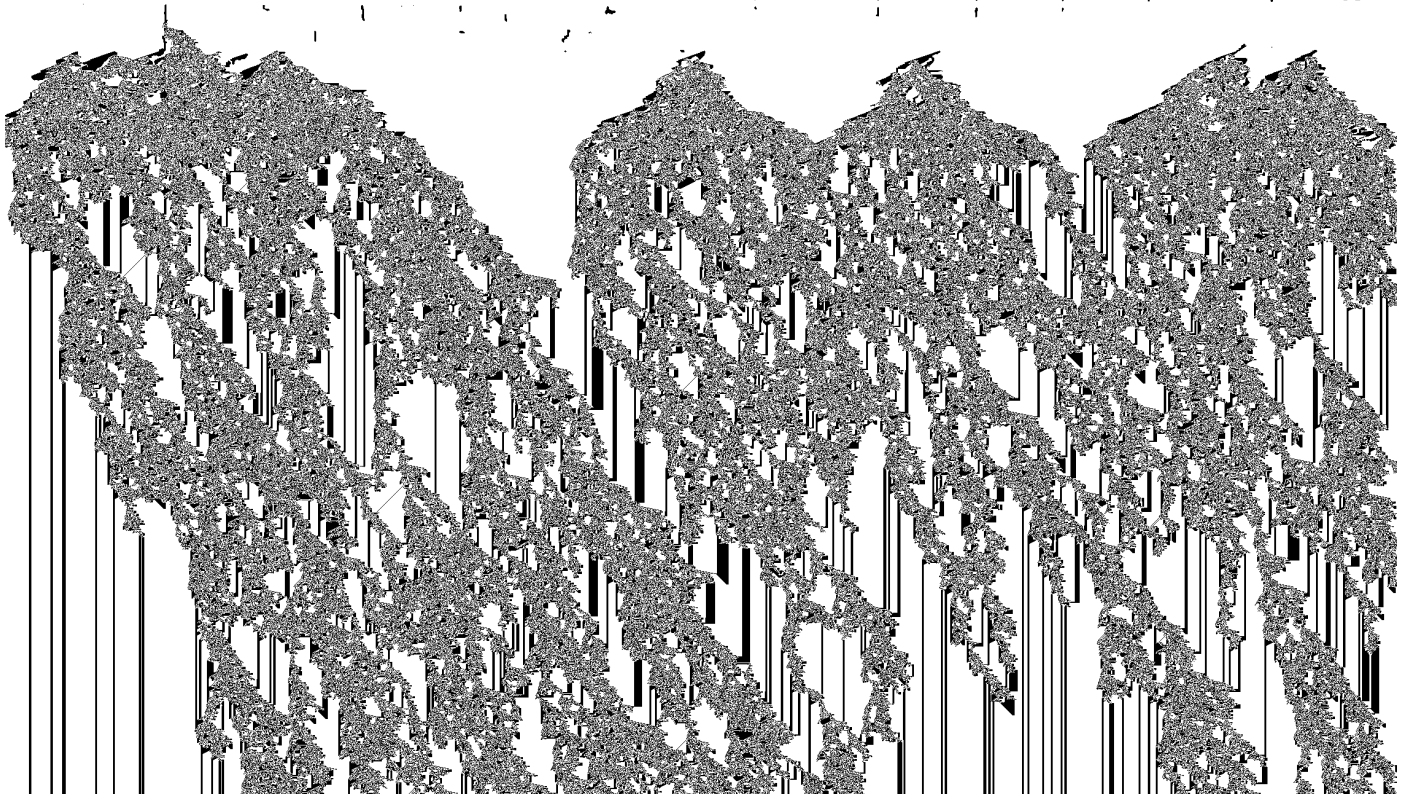


TABLE 2.--FREEZE DATES IN SPRING AND FALL

(Recorded in the period 1951-79 at Maysville, North Carolina)

Probability	Temperature		
	24 °F or lower	28 °F or lower	32 °F or lower
Last freezing temperature in spring:			
1 year in 10 later than--	Apr. 14	Apr. 26	May 7
2 years in 10 later than--	Apr. 6	Apr. 20	May 2
5 years in 10 later than--	Mar. 23	Apr. 8	Apr. 22
First freezing temperature in fall:			
1 year in 10 earlier than--	Oct. 25	Oct. 19	Oct. 8
2 years in 10 earlier than--	Nov. 1	Oct. 24	Oct. 13
5 years in 10 earlier than--	Nov. 14	Nov. 5	Oct. 24

TABLE 3.--GROWING SEASON

(Recorded in the period 1951-79 at Maysville, North Carolina)

Probability	Daily minimum temperature during growing season		
	Higher than 24 °F	Higher than 28 °F	Higher than 32 °F
	Days	Days	Days
9 years in 10	201	179	162
8 years in 10	212	190	170
5 years in 10	235	210	184
2 years in 10	257	231	198
1 year in 10	269	242	205

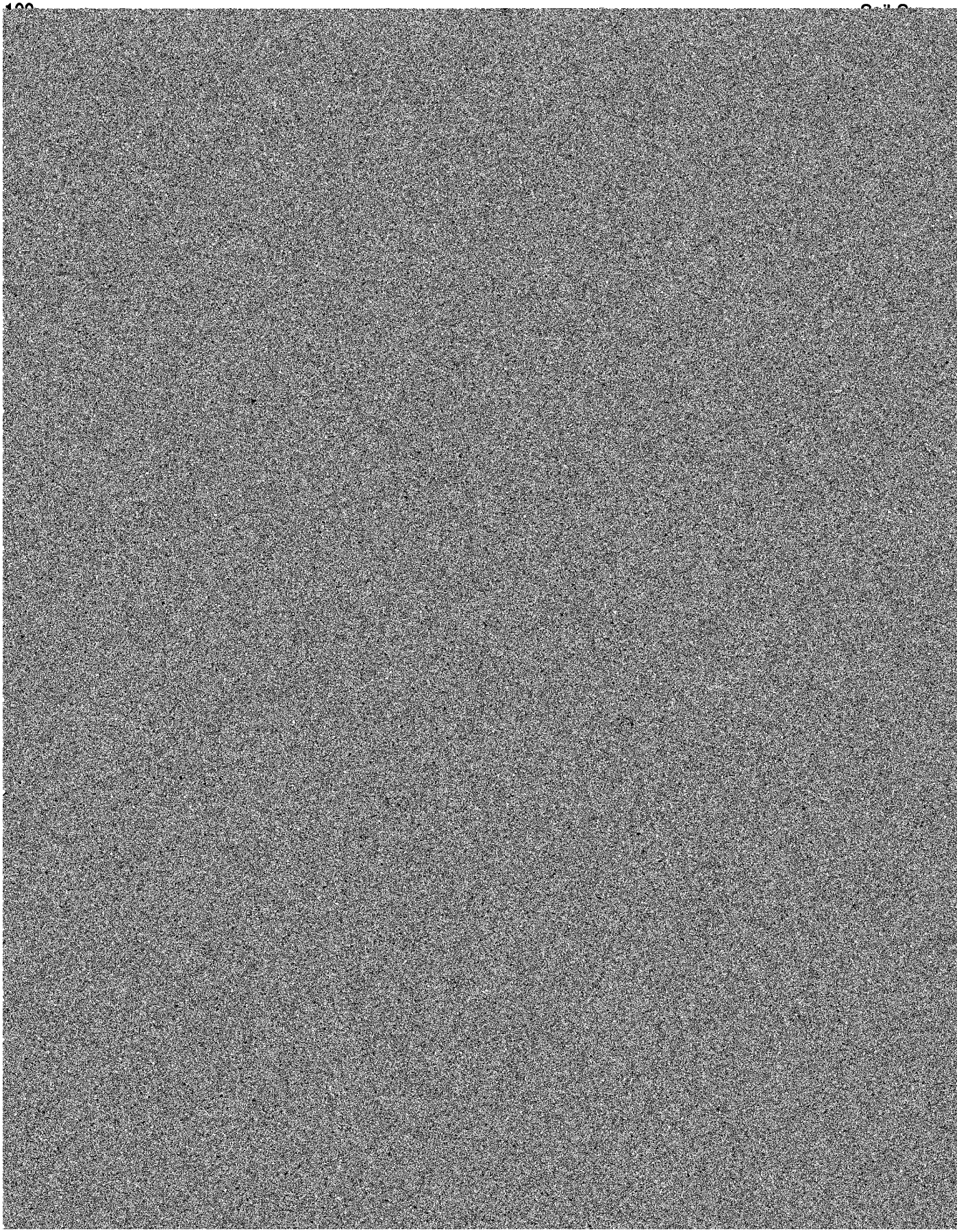


TABLE 4.--PLANT LIST--Continued

Common name	Scientific name
rose pogonia	Pogonia ophioglossoides
saltgrass	Distichlis
saltmarsh bulrush	Scirpus robustus
saltwort	Batis maritima
sassafras	Sassafras albidum
seablite	Suaeda
seaholly	Eryngium maritimum
seaoats	Uniola paniculata
searocket	Cakile edentula
seashore mallow (Virginia saltmarsh)	Kosteletzkya virginica
seaside goldenrod (willowleaf)	Solidago stricta
smooth cordgrass	Spartina alterniflora
sourwood	Oxydendrum arboreum

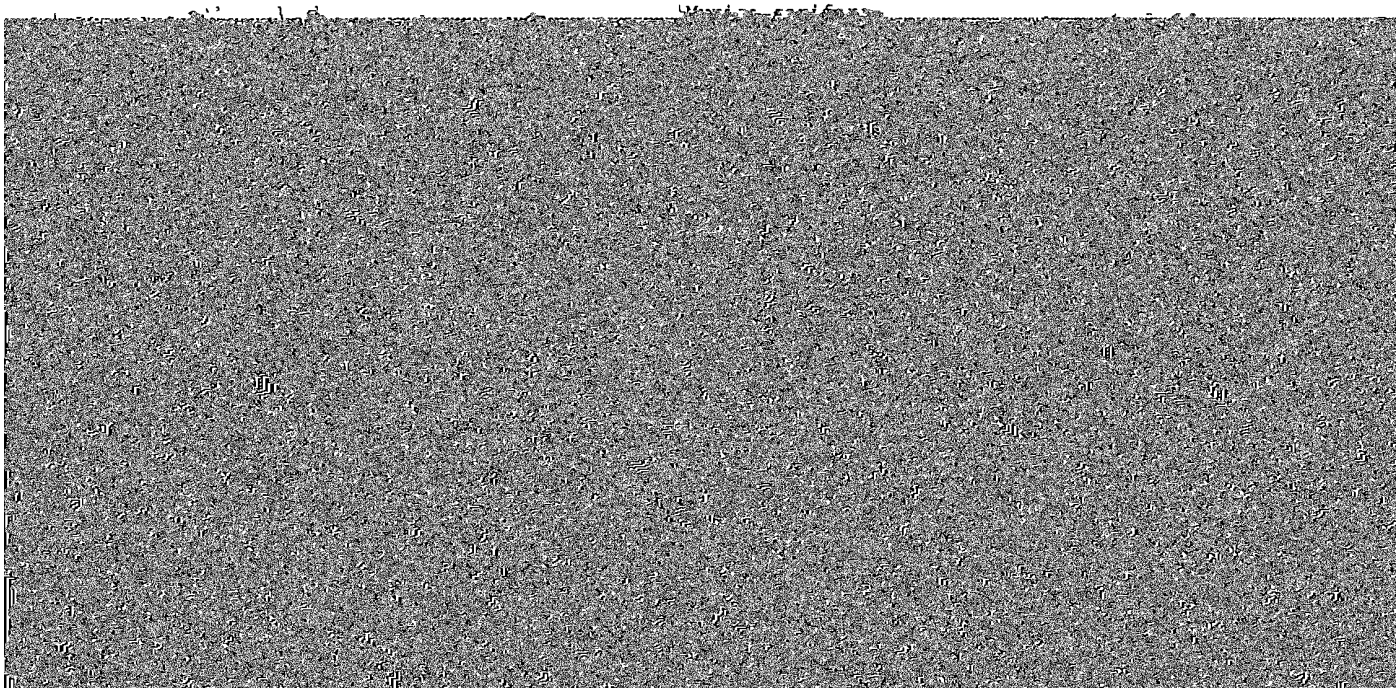


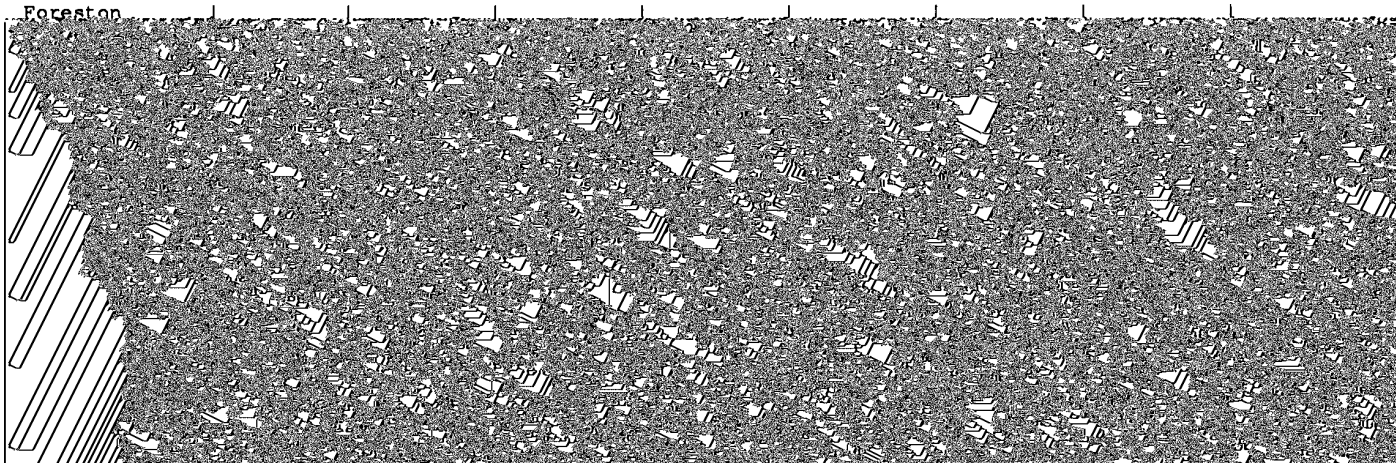
TABLE 5.--ACREAGE AND PROPORTIONATE EXTENT OF THE SOILS

Map symbol	Soil name	Acres	Percent
AnB	Alpin fine sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes	2,238	0.4
AuB	Autryville loamy fine sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes	10,069	1.9
BaB	Baymeade fine sand, 0 to 6 percent slopes	51,023	9.7
BmB	Baymeade-Urban land complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes	5,461	1.0
Bo	Bohicket silty clay loam	9,236	1.8
Ca	Carteret fine sand	722	0.1
Co	Corolla fine sand	525	0.1
CrB	Craven fine sandy loam, 1 to 4 percent slopes	4,430	0.8
CrC	Craven fine sandy loam, 4 to 8 percent slopes	4,077	0.8
Ct	Croatan muck	33,207	6.3
Da	Dorovan muck	3,371	0.6
Dc	Duckston fine sand	464	0.1
FoA	Foreston loamy fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	25,937	5.0
GoA	Goldsboro fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	18,211	3.5
GpB	Goldsboro-Urban land complex, 0 to 5 percent slopes	6,868	1.3
Gt	Grifton fine sandy loam	685	0.1
KuB	Kureb fine sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes	8,750	1.7
La	Lafitte muck	433	0.1
Le	Lenoir loam	1,418	0.3
Ln	Leon fine sand	32,907	6.3
Ly	Lynchburg fine sandy loam	10,270	2.0
MaC	Marvyn loamy fine sand, 6 to 15 percent slopes	20,143	3.8
Md	Masontown mucky fine sandy loam	1,196	0.2
Mk	Muckalee loam	29,878	5.7
Mu	Murville fine sand	16,840	3.2
NeE	Newhan fine sand, 0 to 30 percent slopes	2,092	0.4
NfC	Newhan fine sand, dredged, 2 to 10 percent slopes	1,739	0.3
NnE	Newhan-Corolla-Urban land complex, 0 to 30 percent slopes	650	0.1
NoA	Norfolk loamy fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	4,314	0.8
NoB	Norfolk loamy fine sand, 2 to 6 percent slopes	26,229	5.0
On	Onslow loamy fine sand	21,836	4.2
Pa	Pactolus fine sand	6,287	1.2
Pn	Pantego mucky loam	17,743	3.4
Pt	Pits	1,359	0.3
Ra	Rains fine sandy loam	29,344	5.6
St	Stallings loamy fine sand	16,783	3.2
To	Torhunta fine sandy loam	23,810	4.5
Ud	Udorthents, loamy	532	0.1
Ur	Urban land	2,040	0.4
WaB	Wando fine sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes	8,756	1.7
Wo	Woodington loamy fine sand	25,492	4.9
YaA	Yaupon fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	705	0.1
	Water	36,864	7.0
	Total	524,934	100.0

TABLE 6.--LAND CAPABILITY AND YIELDS PER ACRE OF CROPS AND PASTURE

(Yields are those that can be expected under a high level of management. Absence of a yield indicates that the soil is not suited to the crop or the crop generally is not grown on the soil)

Soil name and map symbol	Land capability	Corn	Soybeans	Tobacco	Wheat	Oats	Improved bermuda-grass	Grass-clover
		Bu	Bu	Lbs	Bu	Bu	AUM*	AUM*
AnB---------- Alpin	IVs	---	---	1,500	---	---	8.0	---
AuB---------- Autryville	IIs	80	28	2,200	40	---	9.0	---
BaB---------- Baymeade	IIIs	65	28	2,200	40	---	8.0	---
BmB** Baymeade-Urban land								
Bo---------- Bohicket	VIIIw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ca---------- Carteret	VIIIw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Co---------- Corolla	VIIw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CrB---------- Craven	IIIe	105	40	2,500	50	---	---	10.0
CrC---------- Craven	IVe	---	---	---	---	---	---	8.0
Ct***---------- Croatan	IVw	125	40	---	50	---	6.0	6.0
Da---------- Dorovan	VIIw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dc---------- Duckston	VIIw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FoA---------- Foreston	IIw	110	35	2,600	50	---	10.0	---



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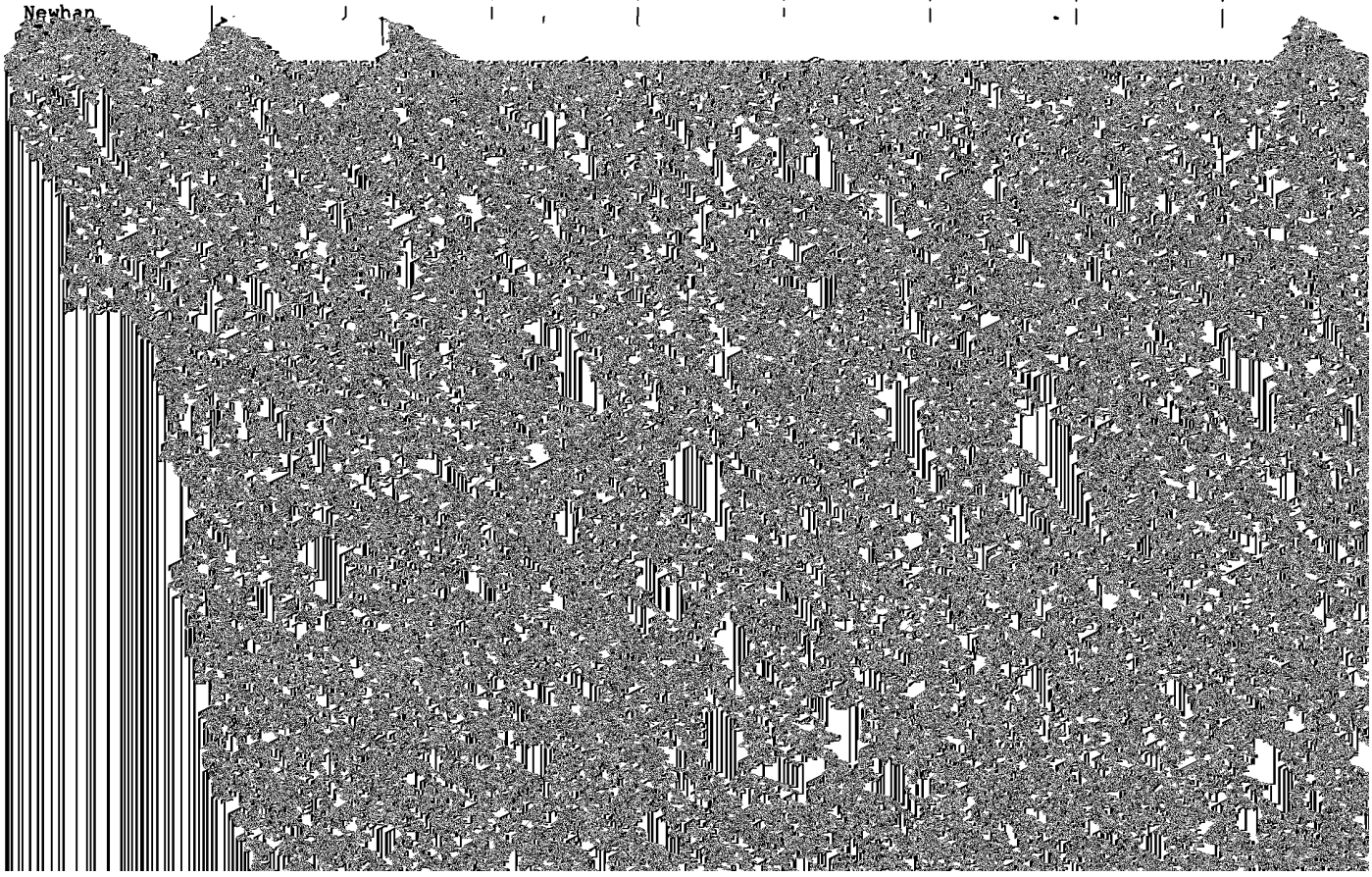
Soil name and map symbol	Land capability	Corn	Soybeans	Tobacco	Wheat	Oats	Improved bermuda-grass	Grass-clover
		Bu	Bu	Lbs	Bu	Bu	AUM*	AUM*
Le---------- Lenoir	IIIw	90	35	2,200	45	---	---	10.0
Ln---------- Leon	IVw	50	---	---	---	---	8.0	---
Ly---------- Lynchburg	IIw	125	45	2,800	55	75	---	10.0
MaC---------- Marvyn	IVe	50	25	---	40	---	9.0	---
Md---------- Masontown	VIIw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mk---------- Muckalee	Vw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mu---------- Murville	Vw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NeE---------- Newhan	VIIIs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NfC. Newhan								



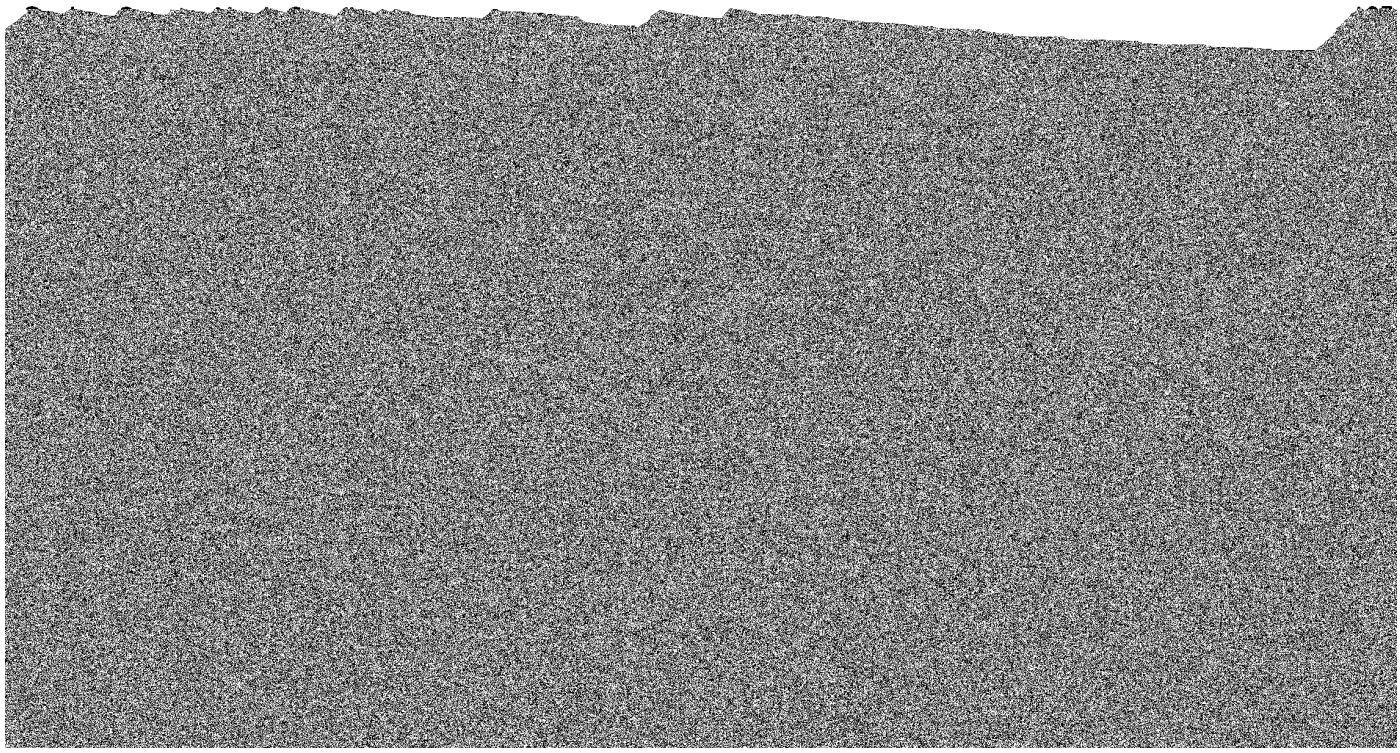
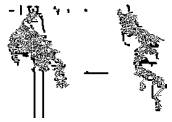


TABLE 7.--WOODLAND MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY

(Only the soils that are suitable for production of commercial trees and that are likely to be used for this purpose are listed. Absence of an entry indicates that information was not available)

Soil name and map symbol	Ordination symbol	Management concerns			Potential productivity			Trees to plant
		Erosion hazard	Equipment limitation	Seedling mortality	Common trees	Site index	Volume	
AnB Alpin	6S	Slight	Moderate	Moderate	Loblolly pine Longleaf pine Turkey oak Post oak Blackjack oak Bluejack oak	66 48 --- --- --- ---	86 33 --- --- --- ---	Loblolly pine.
AuB Autryville	7S	Slight	Moderate	Moderate	Loblolly pine Longleaf pine Southern red oak Shumard oak Hickory Sweetgum Red maple White oak Post oak	77 --- --- --- --- --- --- --- ---	105 --- --- --- --- --- --- --- ---	Loblolly pine, longleaf pine.
BaB Baymeade	6S	Slight	Moderate	Moderate	Loblolly pine Longleaf pine	66 63	86 63	Loblolly pine, longleaf pine.
CrB, CrC Craven	8W	Slight	Moderate	Slight	Loblolly pine Longleaf pine Water oak Sweetgum White oak Southern red oak Red maple Blackgum Yellow poplar	89 70 --- --- --- --- --- --- ---	129 79 --- --- --- --- --- --- ---	Loblolly pine.
Ct Croatan	4W	Slight	Severe*	Severe*	Pond pine Water tupelo Baldcypress Loblolly pine Sweetgum Swamp tupelo Atlantic white cedar	55 --- --- --- --- --- ---	66** --- --- --- --- --- ---	Loblolly pine.
Da Dorovan	7W	Slight	Severe	Severe	Blackgum Sweetbay Baldcypress Swamp tupelo Green ash	--- --- --- --- ---	--- --- --- --- ---	Baldcypress.***
FoA Foreston	9W	Slight	Moderate	Slight	Loblolly pine Longleaf pine	90 75	131 90	Loblolly pine.
GoA Goldsboro	9W	Slight	Moderate	Slight	Loblolly pine Longleaf pine Sweetgum Southern red oak White oak	90 77 90 --- ---	131 94 106 --- ---	Loblolly pine.



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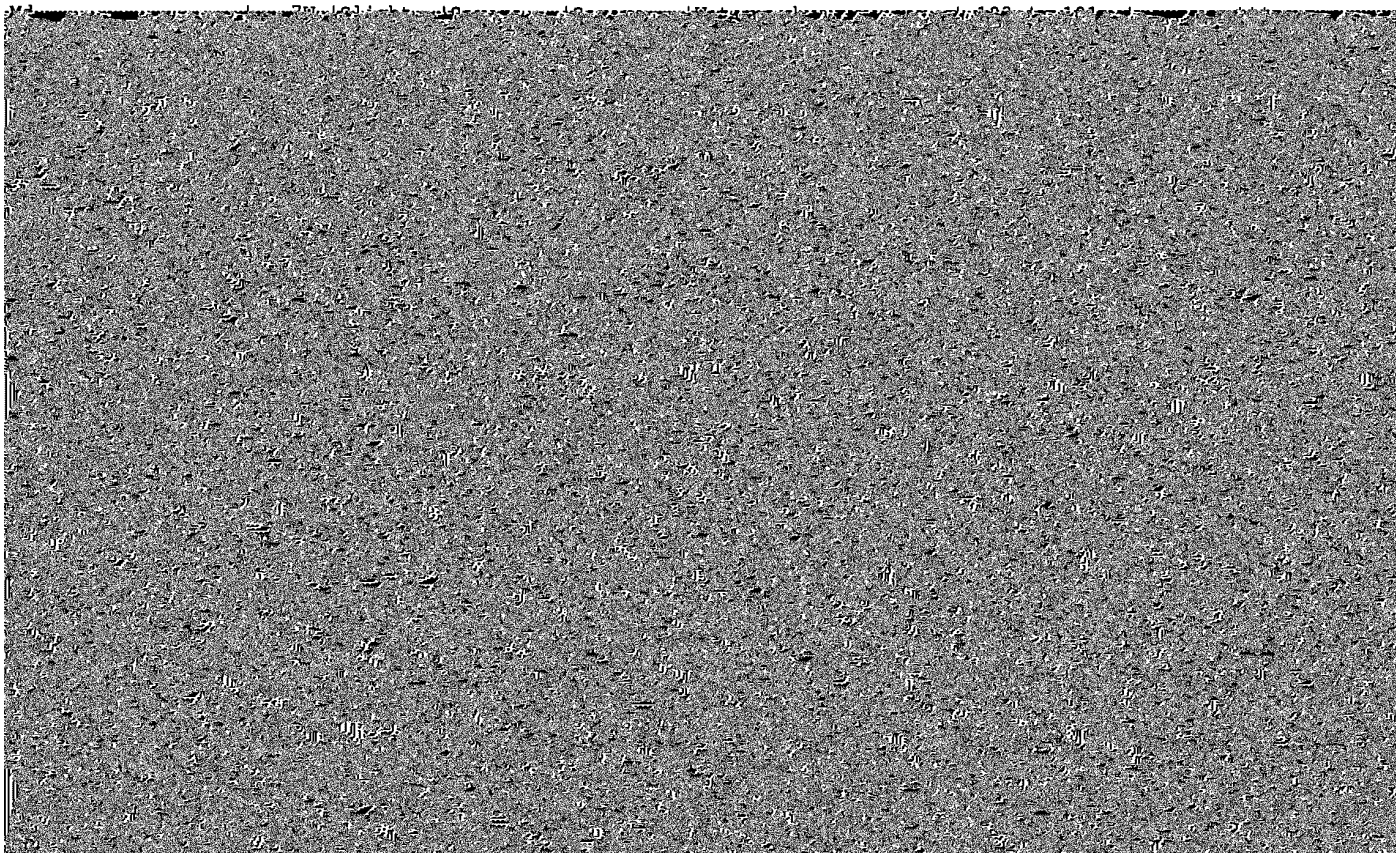
		Erosion hazard	Equipment limitation	Seedling mortality	Common trees	Site index	Volume	
Gt Grifton	9W	Slight	Severe*	Severe*	Loblolly pine	89	129**	Loblolly pine.
KuB Kureb	3S	Slight	Severe	Severe	Longleaf pine	52	40	Longleaf pine.
Le Lenoir	9W	Slight	Moderate	Slight	Loblolly pine	90	131	Loblolly pine.***
Ln Leon	8W	Slight	Moderate	Moderate	Loblolly pine	76	103	Loblolly pine.
					Longleaf pine	65	67	
Ly Lynchburg	9W	Slight	Moderate	Slight	Loblolly pine	86	123	Loblolly pine.
					Longleaf pine	74	88	
					Yellow poplar	92	93	
					Sweetgum	90	106	
					Southern red oak	---	---	
					White oak	---	---	
					Blackgum	---	---	
MaC Marvyn	9A	Slight	Slight	Slight	Loblolly pine	90	131	Loblolly pine.
					Longleaf pine	80	100	



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		Erosion hazard	Equipment limitation	Seedling mortality	Common trees	Site index	Volume	
Ra Rains	9W	Slight	Severe*	Severe*	Loblolly pine Sweetgum	94 90	140** 106	Loblolly pine, sweetgum, American sycamore.
St Stallings	8W	Slight	Moderate	Slight	Loblolly pine Longleaf pine Sweetgum Yellow poplar Water oak	79 --- --- --- ---	108 --- --- --- ---	Loblolly pine.
To Torhunta	9W	Slight	Severe*	Severe*	Loblolly pine Sweetgum Water tupelo	90 90 ---	131** 106 ---	Loblolly pine.
WaB Wando	8S	Slight	Moderate	Moderate	Loblolly pine Longleaf pine	80 70	110 79	Loblolly pine, longleaf pine.
Wo Woodington	8W	Slight	Severe*	Severe*	Loblolly pine Sweetgum White oak Southern red oak Water tupelo	83 --- --- --- ---	116** --- --- --- ---	Loblolly pine.
YaA Yaupon	8W	Slight	Moderate	Slight	Loblolly pine Longleaf pine Water oak Sweetgum	--- --- --- ---	--- --- --- ---	Loblolly pine, longleaf pine.

* Equipment use is moderately restricted and seedling mortality is moderate in areas where the soil is adequately drained.

** The potential productivity is attainable only where the soil is drained and bedded. Applications of fertilizer can further increase the site index.

*** The landscape position favors natural regeneration of tree species.

TABLE 8.--RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

(Some terms that describe restrictive soil features are defined in the Glossary. See text for definitions of "slight," "moderate," and "severe." Absence of an entry indicates that the soil was not rated)

Soil name and map symbol	Camp areas	Picnic areas	Playgrounds	Paths and trails	Golf fairways
AnB Alpin	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: droughty.
AuB Autryville	Moderate: too sandy.	Moderate: too sandy.	Moderate: too sandy.	Moderate: too sandy.	Moderate: droughty.
BaB					

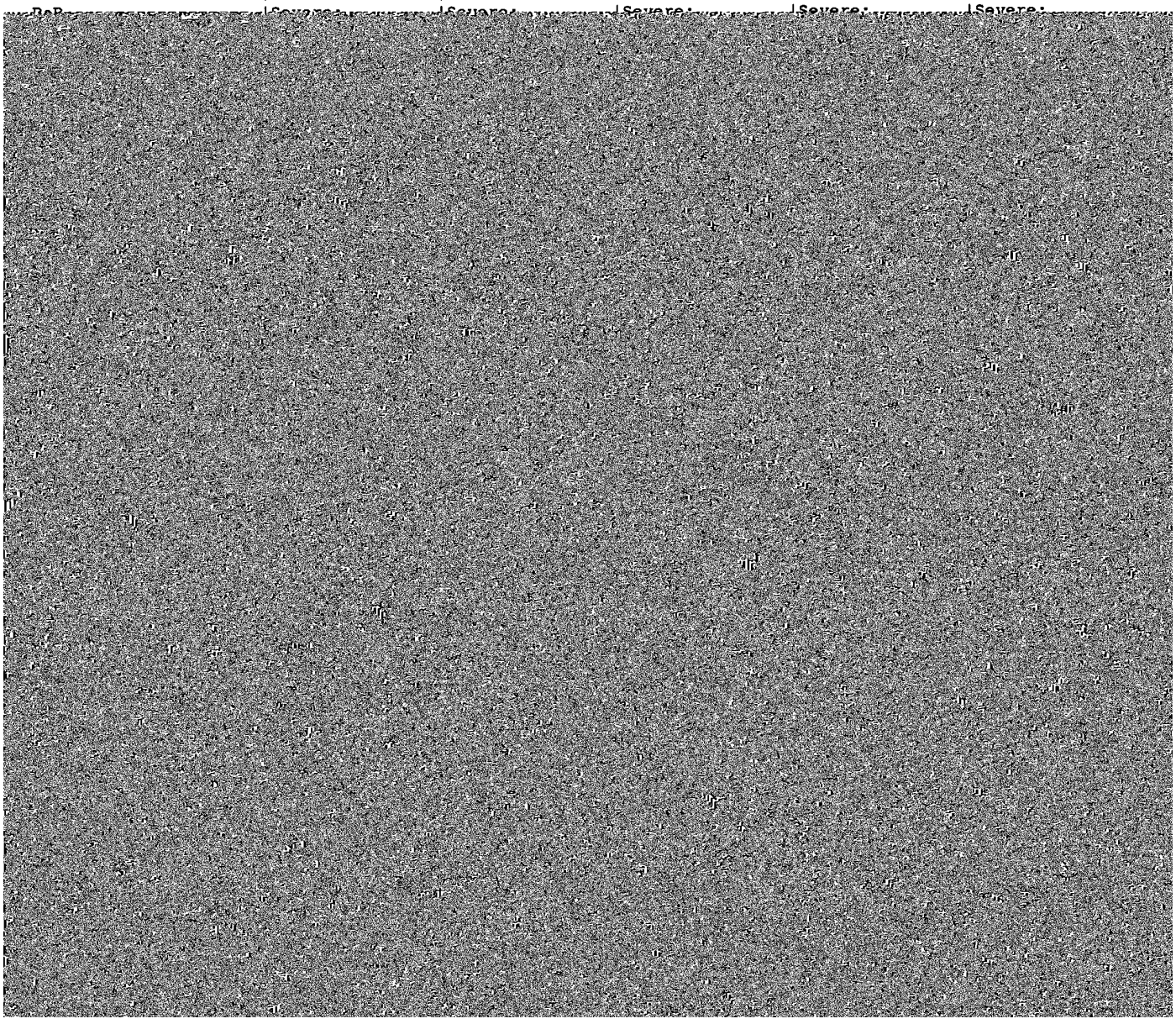

TABLE 8.--RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Camp areas	Picnic areas	Playgrounds	Paths and trails	Golf fairways
GoA Goldsboro	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Slight	Slight.
GpB*: Goldsboro	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: slope, wetness.	Slight	Slight.
Urban land.					
Gt Grifton	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
KuB Kureb	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: droughty.
La Lafitte	Severe: flooding, ponding, excess humus.	Severe: ponding, excess humus.	Severe: excess humus, ponding, flooding.	Severe: ponding, excess humus.	Severe: excess humus, ponding, flooding.
Le Lenoir	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: wetness, percs slowly.	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.
Ln Leon	Severe: wetness, too sandy.	Severe: wetness, too sandy.	Severe: too sandy, wetness.	Severe: wetness, too sandy.	Severe: wetness, droughty.
Ly Lynchburg	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
MaC Marvyn	Moderate: slope.	Moderate: slope.	Severe: slope.	Slight	Moderate: slope.
Md Masontown	Severe: flooding, ponding.	Severe: ponding.	Severe: excess humus, ponding, flooding.	Severe: ponding.	Severe: ponding, flooding.
Mk Muckalee	Severe: flooding, wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness, flooding.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness, flooding.
Mu Murville	Severe: ponding.	Severe: ponding, too sandy.	Severe: too sandy, ponding.	Severe: ponding, too sandy.	Severe: ponding.
NeE Newhan	Severe: flooding, slope, too sandy.	Severe: slope, too sandy.	Severe: slope, too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: droughty, slope.
NfC Newhan	Severe: flooding, too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: slope, too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: droughty.

See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 8.--RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Camp areas	Picnic areas	Playgrounds	Paths and trails	Golf fairways
NnE*:					
Newhan	Severe: flooding, slope, too sandy.	Severe: slope, too sandy.	Severe: slope, too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: droughty, slope.
Corolla	Severe: flooding, too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: droughty.
Urban land.					
NoA Norfolk	Slight	Slight	Slight	Slight	Moderate: droughty.
NoB Norfolk	Slight	Slight	Moderate: slope.	Slight	Moderate: droughty.
On Onslow	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.
Pa Pactolus	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Moderate: wetness, droughty, too sandy.
Pn Pantego	Severe: wetness, excess humus.	Severe: wetness, excess humus.	Severe: wetness, excess humus.	Severe: wetness, excess humus.	Severe: wetness.
Pt*. Pits					
Ra Rains	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
St Stallings	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.
To Torhunta	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
Ud*. Udorthents					
Ur*. Urban land					
WaB Wando	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: too sandy.	Moderate: droughty.
Wo Woodington	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
YaA Yaupon	Severe: percs slowly.	Severe: percs slowly.	Severe: percs slowly.	Slight	Slight.

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

TABLE 9.--WILDLIFE HABITAT

(See text for definitions of "good," "fair," "poor," and "very poor." Only the soils that are likely to be used as wildlife habitat are listed. Absence of an entry indicates that the soil was not rated)

Soil name and map symbol	Potential for habitat elements							Potential as habitat for--		
	Grain and seed crops	Grasses and legumes	Wild herbaceous plants	Hardwood trees	Coniferous plants	Wetland plants	Shallow water areas	Openland wildlife	Woodland wildlife	Wetland wildlife
AnB---------- Alpin	Poor	Poor	Fair	Poor	Fair	Very poor.	Very poor.	Poor	Fair	Very poor.
AuB---------- Autryville	Poor	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Very poor.	Fair	Good	Good.

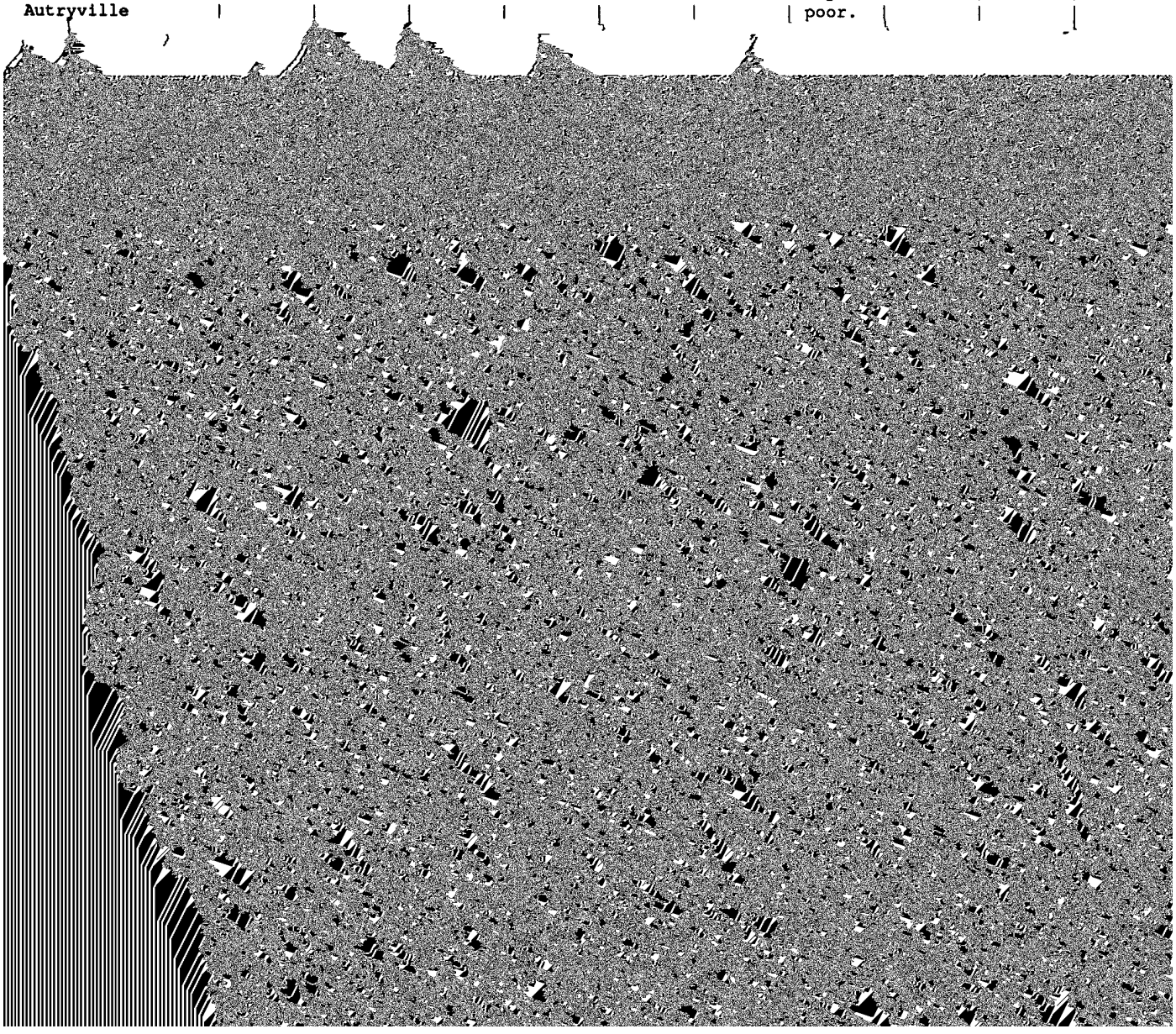

TABLE 9.--WILDLIFE HABITAT--Continued

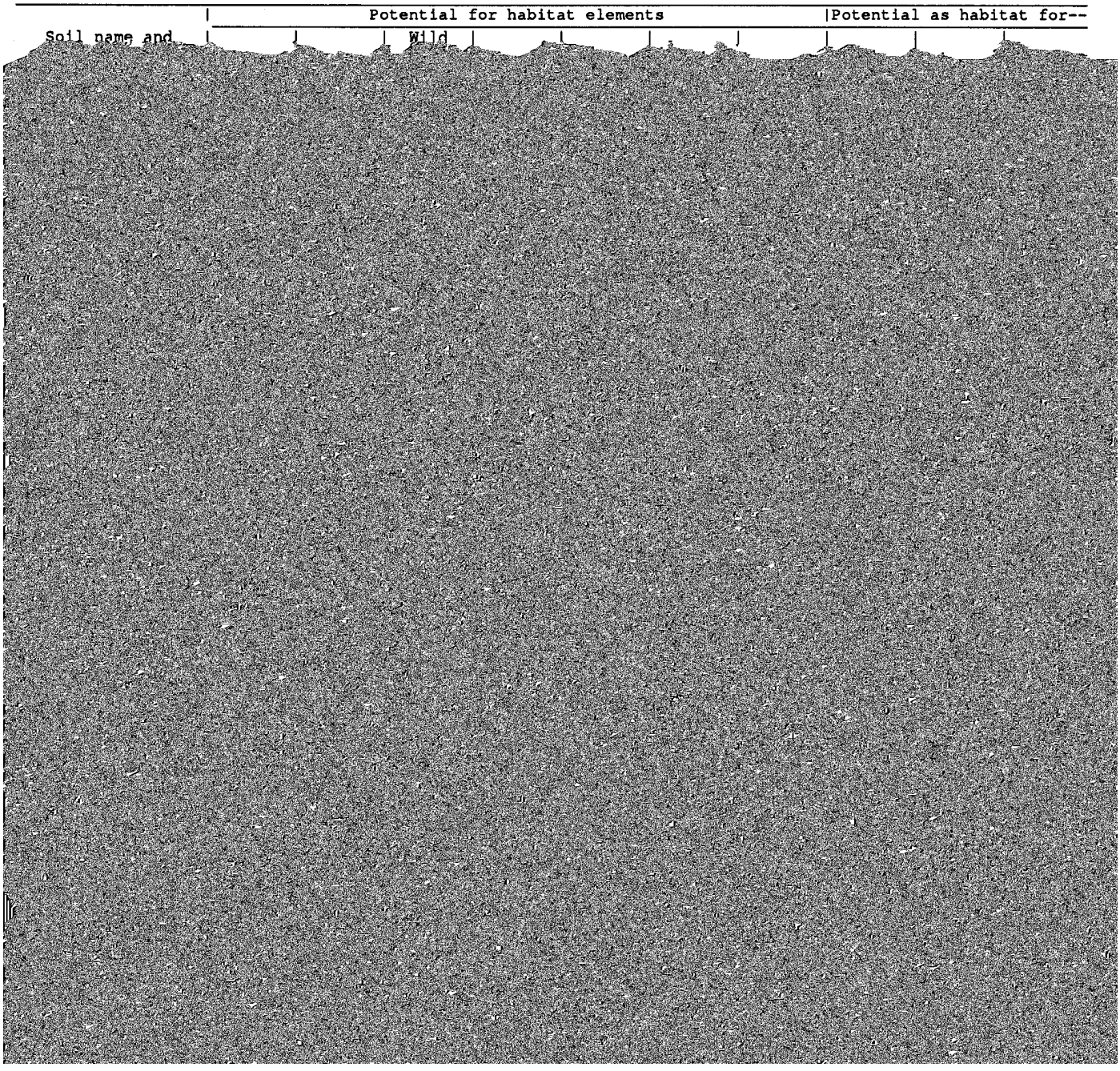

TABLE 10.--BUILDING SITE DEVELOPMENT

(Some terms that describe restrictive soil features are defined in the Glossary. See text for definitions of "slight," "moderate," and "severe." Absence of an entry indicates that the soil was not rated. The information in this table indicates the dominant soil condition but does not eliminate the need for onsite

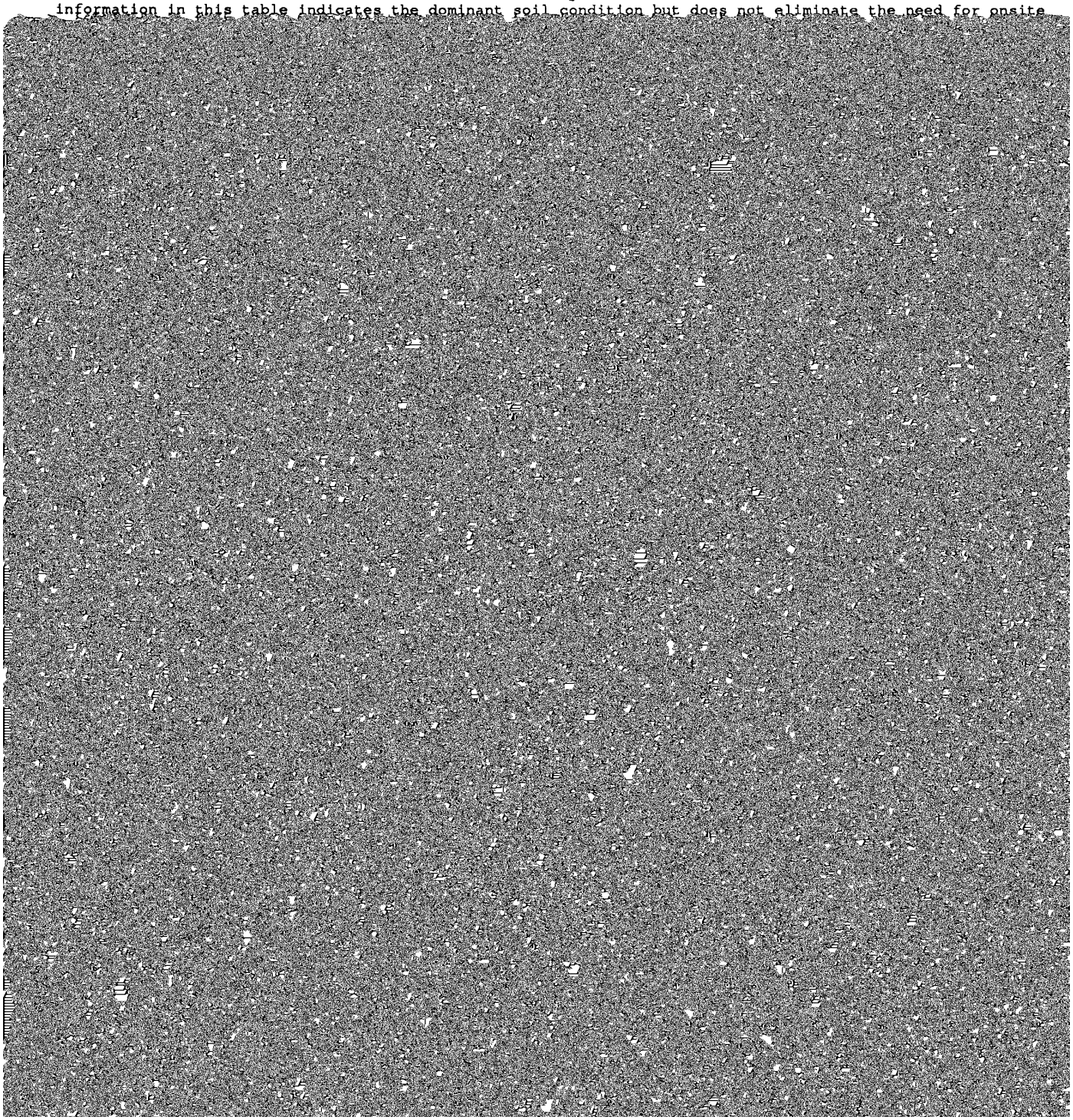

TABLE 10.--BUILDING SITE DEVELOPMENT--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Shallow excavations	Dwellings without basements	Dwellings with basements	Small commercial buildings	Local roads and streets	Lawns and landscaping
FoA Foreston	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Slight	Moderate: wetness.	Slight	Slight	Moderate: droughty.
GoA Goldsboro	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Slight.
GpB*: Goldsboro	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Slight.
Urban land.						
Gt Grifton	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
KuB Kureb	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Slight	Slight	Slight	Slight	Severe: droughty.
La Lafitte	Severe: excess humus, ponding.	Severe: flooding, ponding, low strength.	Severe: flooding, ponding.	Severe: flooding, ponding, low strength.	Severe: low strength, ponding, flooding.	Severe: excess humus, ponding, flooding.
Le Lenoir	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: low strength.	Moderate: wetness.
Ln Leon	Severe: cutbanks cave, wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness, droughty.
Ly Lynchburg	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
MaC Marvyn	Moderate: slope.	Moderate: slope.	Moderate: slope.	Severe: slope.	Moderate: slope.	Moderate: slope.
Md Masontown	Severe: cutbanks cave, excess humus, ponding.	Severe: flooding, ponding, low strength.	Severe: flooding, ponding.	Severe: flooding, ponding, low strength.	Severe: ponding, flooding.	Severe: ponding, flooding.
Mk Muckalee	Severe: cutbanks cave, wetness.	Severe: flooding, wetness.	Severe: flooding, wetness.	Severe: flooding, wetness.	Severe: wetness, flooding.	Severe: wetness, flooding.
Mu Murville	Severe: cutbanks cave, ponding.	Severe: ponding.	Severe: ponding.	Severe: ponding.	Severe: ponding.	Severe: ponding.
NeE Newhan	Severe: cutbanks cave, slope.	Severe: flooding, slope.	Severe: flooding, slope.	Severe: flooding, slope.	Severe: slope.	Severe: droughty, slope.
NfC Newhan	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Severe: flooding.	Severe: flooding.	Severe: flooding.	Moderate: flooding.	Severe: droughty.

See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 10.--BUILDING SITE DEVELOPMENT--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Shallow excavations	Dwellings without basements	Dwellings with basements	Small commercial buildings	Local roads and streets	Lawns and landscaping
NnE*:						
Newhan	Severe: cutbanks cave, slope.	Severe: flooding, slope.	Severe: flooding, slope.	Severe: flooding, slope.	Severe: slope.	Severe: droughty, slope.
Corolla	Severe: cutbanks cave, wetness.	Severe: flooding.	Severe: flooding, wetness.	Severe: flooding.	Moderate: flooding, wetness.	Severe: droughty.
Urban land.						
NoA	Moderate: wetness.	Slight	Moderate: wetness.	Slight	Slight	Moderate: droughty.
Norfolk						
NoB	Moderate: wetness.	Slight	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: slope.	Slight	Moderate: droughty.
Norfolk						
On	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.
Onslow						
Pa	Severe: cutbanks cave, wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness, droughty, too sandy.
Pactolus						
Pn	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
Pantego						
Pt*.						
Pits						
Ra	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
Rains						
St	Severe: cutbanks cave, wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: wetness.
Stallings						
To	Severe: cutbanks cave, wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
Torhunta						
Ud*.						
Udorthents						
Ur*.						
Urban land						
WaB	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Slight	Slight	Slight	Slight	Moderate: droughty.
Wando						
Wo	Severe: cutbanks cave, wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.
Woodington						
YaA	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness, shrink-swell.	Severe: shrink-swell.	Severe: low strength, shrink-swell.	Slight.
Yaupon						

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TABLE 11.--SANITARY FACILITIES

(Some terms that describe restrictive soil features are defined in the Glossary. See text for definitions of

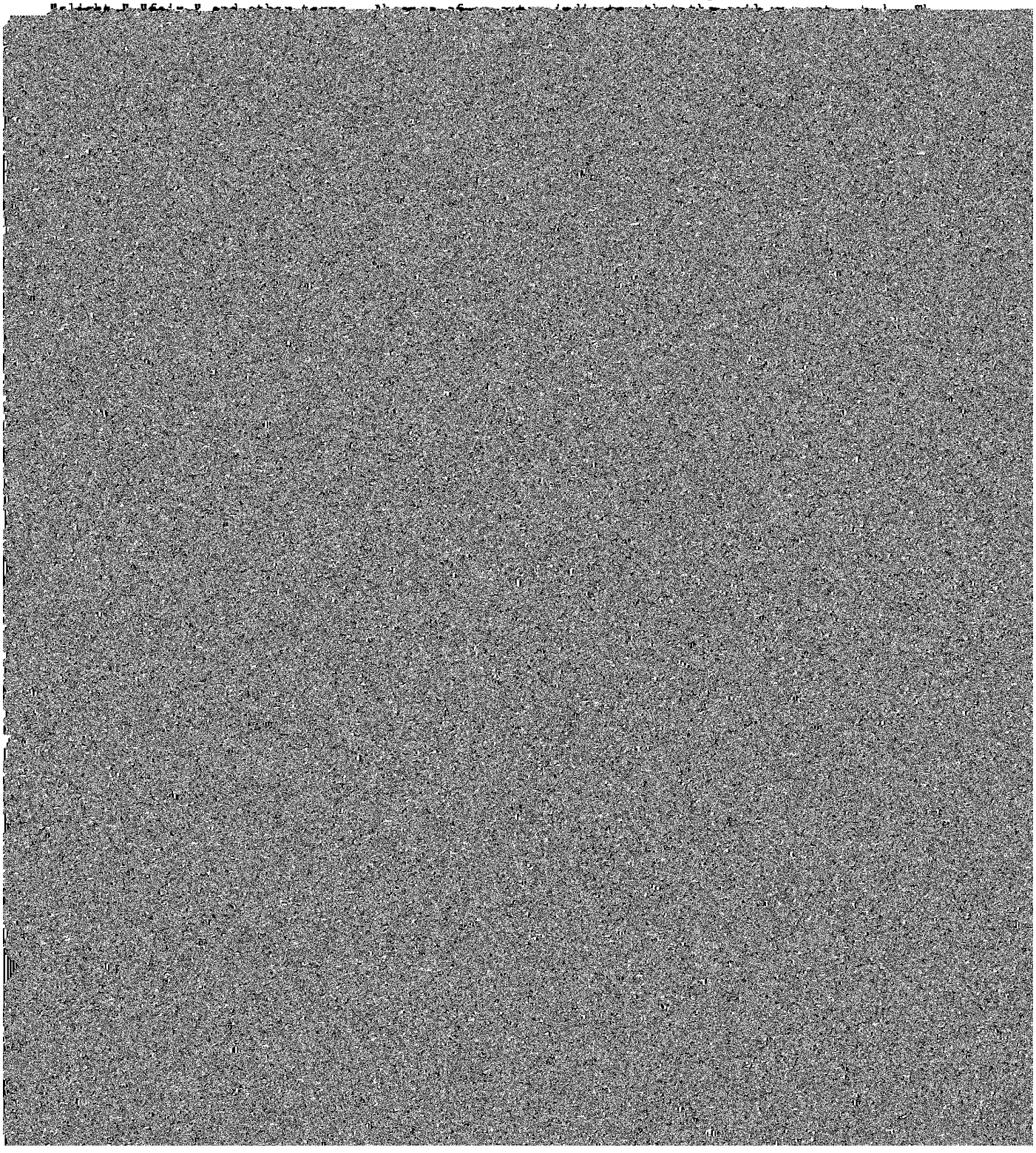


TABLE 11.--SANITARY FACILITIES--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Septic tank absorption fields	Sewage lagoon areas	Trench sanitary landfill	Area sanitary landfill	Daily cover for landfill
FoA Foreston	Severe: wetness.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Poor: thin layer.
GoA Goldsboro	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Fair: wetness.
GpB*: Goldsboro	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Fair: wetness.
Urban land.					
Gt Grifton	Severe: wetness.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Poor: wetness.
KuB Kureb	Severe: poor filter.	Severe: seepage.	Severe: too sandy.	Severe: seepage.	Poor: seepage, too sandy.
La Lafitte	Severe: flooding, ponding.	Severe: seepage, flooding, excess humus.	Severe: flooding, ponding, seepage.	Severe: flooding, seepage, ponding.	Poor: ponding, excess humus.
Le Lenoir	Severe: wetness, percs slowly.	Slight	Severe: wetness, too clayey.	Severe: wetness.	Poor: too clayey, hard to pack, wetness.
Ln Leon	Severe: wetness, poor filter.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Severe: seepage, wetness, too sandy.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Poor: seepage, too sandy, wetness.
Ly Lynchburg	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Poor: wetness.
MaC Marvyn	Moderate: percs slowly, slope.	Severe: slope.	Moderate: slope, too clayey.	Moderate: slope.	Fair: hard to pack, slope.
Md Masontown	Severe: flooding, ponding, poor filter.	Severe: seepage, flooding, ponding.	Severe: flooding, seepage, ponding.	Severe: flooding, seepage, ponding.	Poor: seepage, too sandy, ponding.
Mk Muckalee	Severe: flooding, wetness.	Severe: flooding, wetness.	Severe: flooding, wetness.	Severe: flooding, wetness.	Poor: wetness.
Mu Murville	Severe: ponding, poor filter.	Severe: seepage, ponding.	Severe: seepage, ponding, too sandy.	Severe: seepage, ponding.	Poor: seepage, too sandy, ponding.

See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 11.--SANITARY FACILITIES--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Septic tank absorption fields	Sewage lagoon areas	Trench sanitary landfill	Area sanitary landfill	Daily cover for landfill
NeE---------- Newhan	Severe: poor filter, slope.	Severe: seepage, flooding, slope.	Severe: seepage, slope, too sandy.	Severe: seepage, slope.	Poor: seepage, too sandy, slope.
NfC---------- Newhan	Severe: poor filter.	Severe: seepage, flooding.	Severe: seepage, too sandy.	Severe: seepage.	Poor: seepage, too sandy.
NnE*:					
Newhan----------	Severe: poor filter, slope.	Severe: seepage, flooding, slope.	Severe: seepage, slope, too sandy.	Severe: seepage, slope.	Poor: seepage, too sandy, slope.
Corolla----------	Severe: wetness, poor filter.	Severe: seepage, flooding, wetness.	Severe: wetness, seepage.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Poor: seepage, too sandy.
Urban land.					
NoA, NoB---------- Norfolk	Moderate: wetness.	Moderate: seepage.	Severe: wetness.	Slight----------	Good.
On---------- Onslow	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Fair: wetness.
Pa---------- Pactolus	Severe: wetness, poor filter.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Severe: seepage, wetness, too sandy.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Poor: seepage, too sandy.
Pn---------- Pantego	Severe: wetness.	Severe: seepage,	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Poor: wetness.

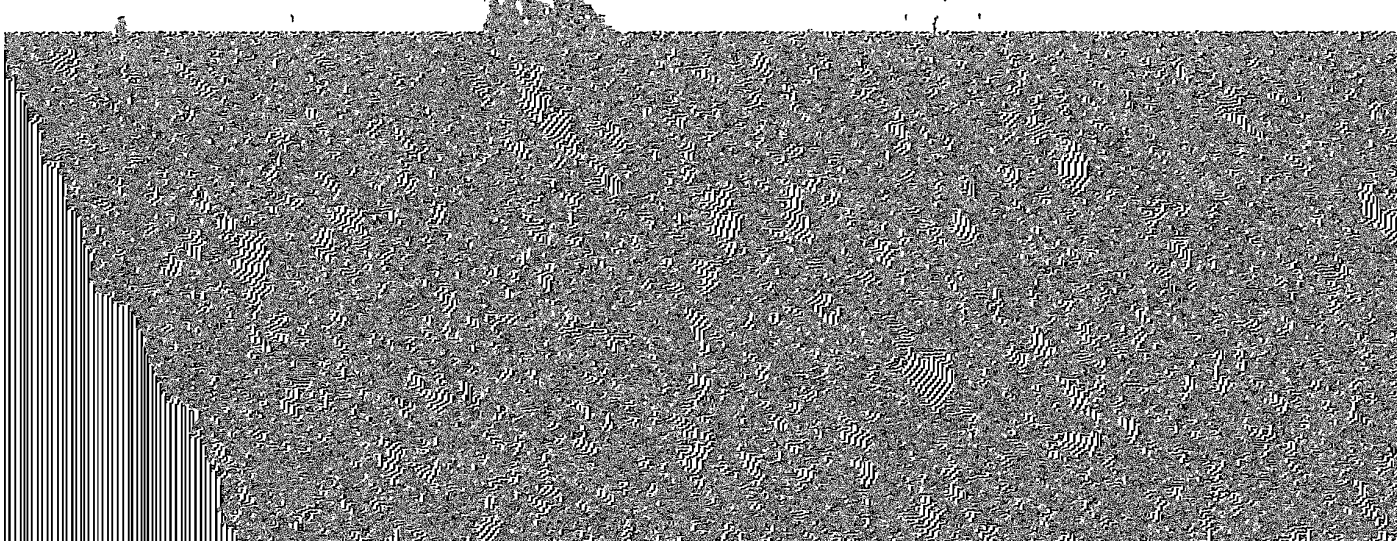


TABLE 11.--SANITARY FACILITIES--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Septic tank absorption fields	Sewage lagoon areas	Trench sanitary landfill	Area sanitary landfill	Daily cover for landfill
WaB Wando	Severe: poor filter.	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, too sandy.	Severe: seepage.	Poor: seepage, too sandy.
Wo Woodington	Severe: wetness.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Severe: seepage, wetness.	Poor: wetness.
YaA Yaupon	Severe: percs slowly, wetness.	Severe: wetness.	Severe: wetness, too clayey.	Severe: wetness.	Poor: too clayey, hard to pack.

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

TABLE 12.--CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

(Some terms that describe restrictive soil features are defined in the Glossary. See text for definitions of "good," "fair," and other terms. Absence of an entry indicates that the soil was not rated. The information in this table indicates the dominant soil condition but does not eliminate the need for onsite investigation)

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
AnB Alpin	Good	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
AuB Autryville	Good	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: too sandy.	Fair: too sandy.
BaB Baymeade	Good	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
BmB*: Baymeade	Good	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
Urban land.				
Bo Bohicket	Poor: low strength, wetness, shrink-swell.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess salt, wetness.
Ca Carteret	Poor: wetness.	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy, excess salt, wetness.
Co Corolla	Fair: wetness.	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
CrB, CrC Craven	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: thin layer.
Ct Croatan	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess humus, wetness, too acid.
Da Dorovan	Poor: wetness.	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
Dc Duckston	Fair: wetness.	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
FoA Foreston	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: too sandy.
GoA Goldsboro	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Good.
GpB*: Goldsboro	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Good.

See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 12.--CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
GpB*: Urban land.				
Gt---- Grifton	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.
KuB---- Kureb	Good----	Probable----	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
La---- Lafitte	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
Le---- Lenoir	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: thin layer.
Ln---- Leon	Poor: wetness.	Probable----	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy, wetness.
Ly---- Lynchburg	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.
MaC---- Marvyn	Good----	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: too sandy, small stones, thin layer.
Md---- Masontown	Poor: wetness.	Probable----	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: wetness.
Mk---- Muckalee	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.
Mu---- Murville	Poor: wetness	Probable----	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy, wetness.
NeE---- Newhan	Fair: slope.	Probable----	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy, slope.
NfC---- Newhan	Good----	Probable----	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
NnE*: Newhan----	Fair: slope.	Probable----	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy, slope.
Corolla----	Fair: wetness.	Probable----	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
Urban land.				
NoA, NoB---- Norfolk	Good----	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: too sandy.

See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 12.--CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
On Onslow	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: too sandy.
Pa Pactolus	Fair: wetness.	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
Pn Pantego	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.
Pt*. Pits				
Ra Rains	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.
St Stallings	Fair: wetness.	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Fair: too sandy.
To Torhunta	Poor: wetness.	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: wetness.
Ud*. Udorthents				
Ur*. Urban land				
WaB Wando	Good	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
Wo Woodington	Poor: wetness.	Probable	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: wetness.
YaA Yaupon	Poor: low strength, shrink-swell.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: thin layer.

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

TABLE 13.--WATER MANAGEMENT

(Some terms that describe restrictive soil features are defined in the Glossary. See text for definitions of "slight," "moderate," and "severe." Absence of an entry indicates that the soil was not evaluated. The information in this table indicates the dominant soil condition but does not eliminate the need for onsite investigation)

Soil name and map symbol	Limitations for--			Features affecting--		
	Pond reservoir areas	Embankments, dikes, and levees	Aquifer-fed excavated ponds	Drainage	Irrigation	Grassed waterways
AnB---- Alpin	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping.	Severe: no water.	Deep to water	Droughty, soil blowing.	Droughty.
AuB---- Autryville	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Deep to water	Droughty, fast intake.	Droughty.
BaB---- Baymeade	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Deep to water	Droughty, fast intake, rooting depth.	Droughty, rooting depth.
BmB*: Baymeade----	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Deep to water	Droughty, fast intake, rooting depth.	Droughty, rooting depth.
Urban land.						
Bo---- Bohicket	Slight----	Severe: hard to pack, ponding, excess salt.	Severe: slow refill, salty water.	Ponding, percs slowly, flooding.	Ponding----	Wetness, excess salt.
Ca---- Carteret	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping, ponding.	Severe: salty water, cutbanks cave.	Ponding, flooding, cutbanks cave.	Ponding, droughty, fast intake.	Wetness, excess salt, droughty.
Co---- Corolla	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, wetness, piping.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Cutbanks cave	Wetness, droughty, fast intake.	Droughty.
CrB----	Moderate:	Moderate:	Severe:	Percs slowly---	Wetness,	Erodes easily,

TABLE 13.--WATER MANAGEMENT--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Limitations for--			Features affecting--		
	Pond reservoir areas	Embankments, dikes, and levees	Aquifer-fed excavated ponds	Drainage	Irrigation	Grassed waterways
Dc Duckston	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping, wetness.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Flooding, cutbanks cave.	Wetness, droughty, fast intake.	Wetness, droughty.
FoA Foreston	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Favorable	Wetness, droughty, fast intake.	Droughty.
GoA Goldsboro	Moderate: seepage.	Moderate: piping, wetness.	Moderate: slow refill.	Favorable	Wetness	Favorable.
GpB*: Goldsboro	Moderate: seepage.	Moderate: piping, wetness.	Moderate: slow refill.	Favorable	Wetness	Favorable.
Urban land.						
Gt Grifton	Moderate: seepage.	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: slow refill.	Favorable	Wetness	Wetness.
KuB Kureb	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping.	Severe: no water.	Deep to water	Droughty, fast intake, slope.	Droughty.
La Lafitte	Severe: seepage.	Severe: excess humus, ponding.	Slight	Ponding, flooding, subsides.	Ponding, flooding, excess salt.	Wetness, excess salt.
Le Lenoir	Slight	Severe: wetness.	Severe: slow refill.	Percs slowly	Wetness, percs slowly, erodes easily.	Wetness, erodes easily, percs slowly.
Ln Leon	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping, wetness.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Cutbanks cave	Wetness, droughty, fast intake.	Wetness, droughty.
Ly Lynchburg	Moderate: seepage.	Severe: piping, wetness.	Moderate: slow refill.	Favorable	Wetness	Wetness.
MaC Marvyn	Severe: slope.	Severe: piping, hard to pack.	Severe: no water.	Deep to water	Fast intake, slope.	Slope.
Md Masontown	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Ponding, flooding	Ponding, flooding	Wetness.

TABLE 13.--WATER MANAGEMENT--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Limitations for--			Features affecting--		
	Pond reservoir areas	Embankments, dikes, and levees	Aquifer-fed excavated ponds	Drainage	Irrigation	Grassed waterways
Mu Murville	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping, ponding.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Ponding, cutbanks cave.	Ponding, droughty, fast intake.	Wetness, droughty.
NeE Newhan	Severe: seepage, slope.	Severe: seepage, piping.	Severe: no water.	Deep to water	Droughty, fast intake, slope.	Slope, droughty.
NfC Newhan	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping.	Severe: no water.	Deep to water	Droughty, fast intake, slope.	Droughty.
NnE*:						
Newhan	Severe: seepage, slope.	Severe: seepage, piping.	Severe: no water.	Deep to water	Droughty, fast intake, slope.	Slope, droughty.
Corolla	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, wetness, piping.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Cutbanks cave	Wetness, droughty, fast intake.	Droughty.
Urban land.						
NoA Norfolk	Moderate: seepage.	Moderate: piping.	Moderate: deep to water.	Deep to water	Fast intake	Favorable.
NoB Norfolk	Moderate: seepage, slope.	Moderate: piping.	Moderate: deep to water.	Deep to water	Slope	Favorable.
On Onslow	Moderate: seepage.	Severe: piping, wetness.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Favorable	Wetness, fast intake.	Favorable.
Pa Pactolus	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping, wetness.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Cutbanks cave	Wetness, droughty, fast intake.	Droughty.
Pn Pantego	Moderate: seepage.	Severe: wetness.	Moderate: slow refill.	Favorable	Wetness	Wetness.
Pt*. Pits						
Ra Rains	Moderate: seepage.	Severe: piping, wetness.	Moderate: slow refill.	Favorable	Wetness	Wetness.
St Stallings	Severe: seepage.	Severe: piping, wetness.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Cutbanks cave	Wetness, fast intake.	Wetness.
To Torhunta	Severe: seepage.	Severe: piping, wetness.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Favorable	Wetness	Wetness.
Ud*. Udorthents						

See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 13.--WATER MANAGEMENT--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Limitations for--			Features affecting--		
	Pond reservoir areas	Embankments, dikes, and levees	Aquifer-fed excavated ponds	Drainage	Irrigation	Grassed waterways
Ur*. Urban land						
WaB---------- Wando	Severe: seepage.	Severe: seepage, piping.	Severe: no water.	Deep to water	Droughty, fast intake, soil blowing.	Droughty.
Wo---------- Woodington	Severe: seepage.	Severe: piping, wetness.	Severe: cutbanks cave.	Cutbanks cave	Wetness, fast intake.	Wetness.
YaA---------- Yaupon	Slight---------	Moderate: hard to pack, wetness.	Severe: slow refill.	Percs slowly---	Wetness, percs slowly.	Percs slowly.

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

TABLE 14.--ENGINEERING INDEX PROPERTIES

(The symbol < means less than; > means more than. Absence of an entry indicates that data were not estimated)

Soil name and map symbol	Depth	USDA texture	Classification		Fragments > 3 inches	Percentage passing sieve number--				Liquid limit	Plasticity index
			Unified	AASHTO		4	10	40	200		
	In				Pct					Pct	
AnB---------- Alpin	0-13	Fine sand--------	SP-SM, SM	A-3, A-2-4	0	95-100	90-100	60-100	5-20	---	NP
	13-48	Fine sand, sand	SP-SM	A-3, A-2-4	0	95-100	90-100	60-100	5-20	---	NP
	48-80	Fine sand, sand	SP-SM, SM	A-2-4	0	95-100	90-100	60-100	11-20	---	NP
AuB---------- Autryville	0-24	Loamy fine sand	SP-SM, SM	A-2, A-3	0	100	100	50-100	5-20	---	NP
	24-38	Sandy loam, sandy clay loam, fine sandy loam.	SM	A-2	0	100	100	50-100	15-30	<25	NP-3
	38-53	Sand, loamy sand, loamy fine sand.	SP-SM, SM	A-2, A-3	0	100	100	50-100	5-20	---	NP
	53-99	Sandy loam, sandy clay loam, fine sandy loam.	SM, SC, SM-SC	A-2, A-4	0	100	100	60-100	20-49	<30	NP-10
BaB---------- Baymeade	0-30	Fine sand--------	SM, SP-SM	A-2, A-3	0	100	100	51-100	5-20	---	NP
	30-56	Fine sandy loam,	SC, SM,	A-2, A-4	0	100	100	60-100	23-49	<25	NP-10

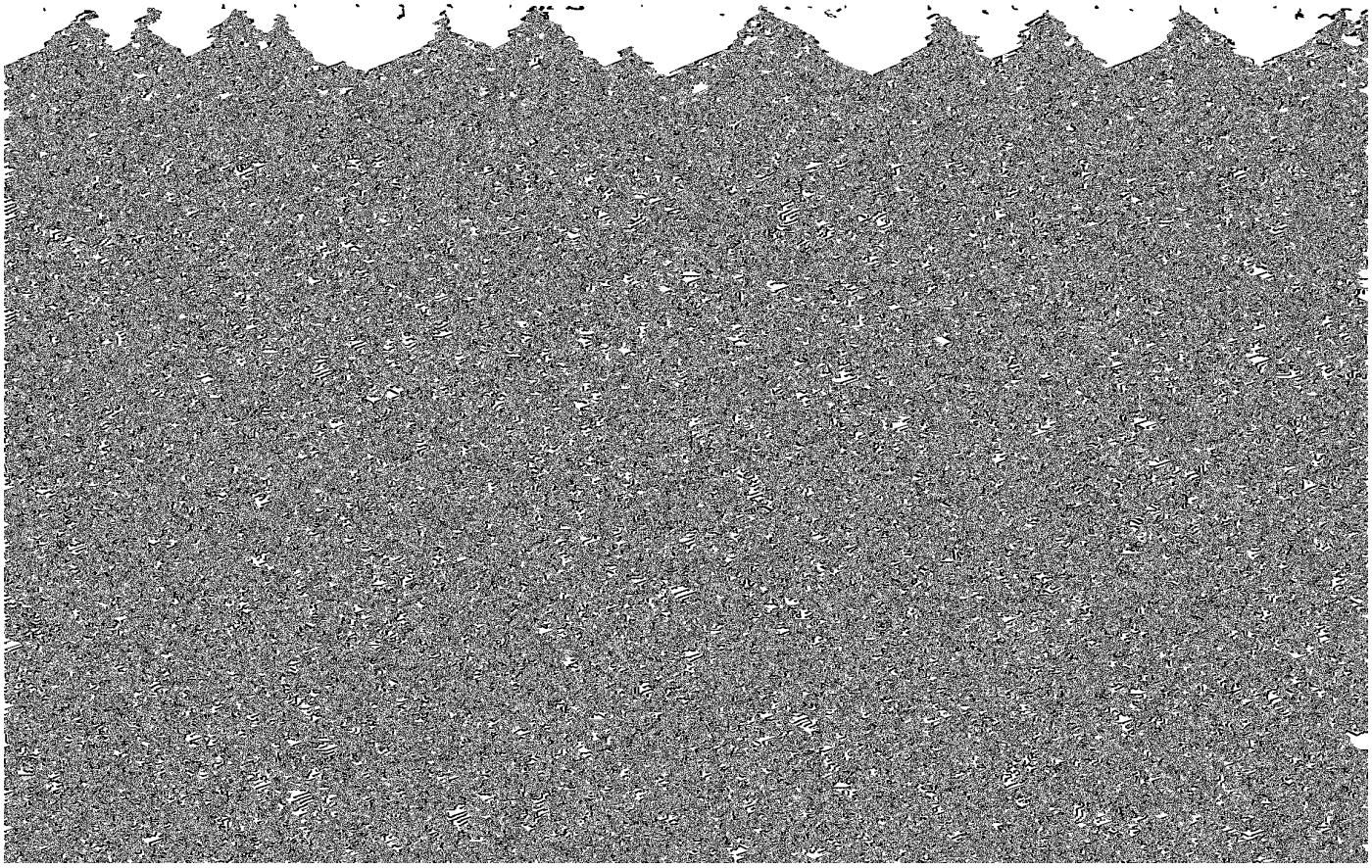


TABLE 14.--ENGINEERING INDEX PROPERTIES--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Depth	USDA texture	Classification		Fragments	Percentage passing sieve number--				Liquid limit	Plasticity index
			Unified	AASHTO	> 3 inches	4	10	40	200		
	In				Pct					Pct	
Ct	0-34	Muck	PT	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Croatan	34-40	Sandy loam, fine sandy loam, mucky sandy loam.	SM, SC, SM-SC	A-2, A-4	0	100	100	60-85	25-49	<30	NP-10
	40-70	Loam, clay loam,	CL, SM,	A-4, A-6	0	100	100	75-100	36-95	<36	NP-15

TABLE 14.--ENGINEERING INDEX PROPERTIES--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Depth	USDA texture	Classification		Fragments > 3 inches	Percentage passing sieve number--				Liquid limit	Plasticity index
			Unified	AASHTO		4	10	40	200		
	In				Pct					Pct	
Ln Leon	0-17	Fine sand	SP, SP-SM	A-3, A-2-4	0	100	100	80-100	2-12	---	NP
	17-51	Sand, fine sand, loamy sand.	SM, SP-SM, SP	A-3, A-2-4	0	100	100	80-100	3-20	---	NP
	51-95	Sand, fine sand	SP, SP-SM	A-3, A-2-4	0	100	100	80-100	2-12	---	NP
Ly Lynchburg	0-13	Fine sandy loam	SM, ML, SM-SC, CL-ML	A-2, A-4	0	92-100	90-100	75-100	25-55	<30	NP-7
	13-80	Sandy clay loam, sandy loam, clay loam.	SM-SC, SC, CL, CL-ML	A-2, A-4, A-6	0	92-100	90-100	70-100	25-67	16-40	4-18
MaC Marvyn	0-12	Loamy fine sand	SM	A-2	0	95-100	90-100	50-100	13-30	---	NP
	12-52	Sandy clay loam, sandy loam.	ML, SM, SC, CL	A-4, A-2, A-6, A-7	0	95-100	90-100	60-95	30-55	24-45	3-30
	52-75	Loamy sand, sandy loam, sandy clay loam.	SM, ML, SC, CL	A-1, A-2, A-4	0	95-100	90-100	45-95	20-55	<40	NP-10
Md Masontown	0-28	Mucky loam	OL	A-4	0	100	95-100	90-100	60-75	---	NP
	28-65	Loamy sand, sand, sandy loam.	SM, SP-SM	A-2, A-3, A-5	0	100	95-100	50-75	5-40	---	NP
Mk Muckalee	0-40	Loam	ML, SC, SM SM-SC	A-2, A-4	0	95-100	90-100	50-95	30-60	<30	NP-10
	40-75	Sandy loam, loamy sand.	SM	A-2, A-4	0	95-100	80-100	60-90	20-40	<20	NP-4
Mu Murville	0-5	Fine sand	SP-SM, SM	A-2, A-3	0	100	100	85-100	5-30	---	NP
	5-55	Fine sand, sand, loamy fine sand.	SM, SP-SM	A-2, A-3	0	100	100	85-100	5-20	---	NP
	55-75	Variable	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NeE, NfC Newhan	0-80	Fine sand	SP, SP-SM	A-3	0	95-100	95-100	60-75	0-5	---	NP
NnE*:											
Newhan	0-80	Fine sand	SP, SP-SM	A-3	0	95-100	95-100	60-75	0-5	---	NP
Corolla	0-72	Fine sand	SW, SP-SM, SP	A-2, A-3	0	80-100	75-100	60-95	1-12	---	NP
Urban land.											
NoA, NoB Norfolk	0-10	Loamy fine sand	SM	A-2	0	95-100	92-100	50-95	13-30	<20	NP
	10-47	Sandy loam, sandy clay loam, clay loam.	SC, SM-SC, CL, CL-ML	A-2, A-4, A-6	0	95-100	91-100	70-96	30-63	20-38	4-15
	47-80	Sandy clay loam, clay loam, sandy clay.	SC, SM-SC, CL, CL-ML	A-4, A-6, A-7-6	0	100	98-100	65-98	36-72	20-52	4-23
On Onslow	0-10	Loamy fine sand	SM, SP-SM	A-2, A-3, A-4	0	100	95-100	60-100	5-38	---	NP
	10-68	Sandy clay loam, sandy loam, clay loam.	SM, CL, SC, ML	A-2, A-4, A-6	0	100	95-100	60-100	30-55	<36	NP-17
	68-80	Variable	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 14.--ENGINEERING INDEX PROPERTIES--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Depth	USDA texture	Classification		Fragments	Percentage passing sieve number--				Liquid limit	Plasticity index
			Unified	AASHTO	> 3 inches	4	10	40	200		
	In				Pct					Pct	
Pa Pactolus	0-72	Fine sand	SM, SP-SM	A-2, A-3	0	100	100	51-100	5-30	---	NP
Pn Pantego	0-14	Mucky loam	OL, SM, ML, SM-SC	A-2, A-4	0	100	95-100	60-95	25-75	<35	NP-10
	14-45	Sandy clay loam, sandy loam, clay loam.	SC, CL, SM-SC, CL-ML	A-4, A-6, A-2	0	100	95-100	80-100	30-80	20-40	4-16
	45-80	Clay loam, sandy clay, sandy clay loam.	CL, SC	A-6, A-7	0	100	95-100	90-100	36-80	25-49	11-24
Pt*. Pits											
Ra Rains	0-12	Fine sandy loam	SM, ML	A-2, A-4	0	100	95-100	50-85	25-56	<35	NP-10
	12-45	Sandy clay loam, clay loam.	SC, SM-SC, CL, CL-ML	A-2, A-4, A-6	0	100	95-100	55-98	30-70	18-40	4-20
	45-80	Sandy loam, sandy clay loam, sandy clay.	SM, SC, ML, CL	A-2, A-4, A-6	0	100	95-100	60-95	30-60	16-40	3-18
St Stallings	0-12	Loamy fine sand	SM	A-2	0	100	95-100	51-100	15-35	---	NP
	12-80	Sandy loam, fine sandy loam.	SM	A-2, A-4	0	100	95-100	51-100	20-50	<25	NP-3
To Torhunta	0-14	Fine sandy loam	SM	A-2, A-4	0	100	95-100	70-96	20-49	<25	NP-4
	14-47	Sandy loam, fine sandy loam.	SM, SM-SC	A-2, A-4	0	100	95-100	70-92	20-40	<25	NP-7
	47-80	Loamy sand, sand, sandy loam.	SM, SP-SM, SM-SC	A-2, A-3	0	100	95-100	65-92	5-35	<25	NP-4
Ud*. Udorthents											
Ur*. Urban land											
WaB Wando	0-6	Fine sand	SP-SM, SM, SP	A-2, A-3	0	96-100	95-100	60-98	4-25	---	NP
	6-85	Sand, fine sand	SP, SP-SM, SM	A-2, A-3	0	98-100	98-100	51-98	2-20	---	NP
Wo Woodington	0-12	Loamy fine sand	SM	A-2	0	100	95-100	50-100	15-49	---	NP
	12-80	Sandy loam, fine sandy loam.	SM	A-2, A-4	0	100	95-100	50-100	20-50	<25	NP-3
YaA Yaupon	0-3	Fine sandy loam	SM	A-2, A-4	0	100	90-100	85-100	13-41	---	NP
	3-85	Silty clay, clay, sandy clay.	CL, CH	A-7	0	100	90-100	85-100	51-90	40-60	15-30

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

TABLE 15.--PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF THE SOILS

(The symbol < means less than; > means more than. Entries under "Erosion factors--T" apply to the entire profile. Entries under "Organic matter" apply only to the surface layer. Absence of an entry indicates that data were not available or were not estimated)

Soil name and map symbol	Depth	Clay	Moist bulk density	Permeability	Available water capacity	Soil reaction	Shrink-swell potential	Erosion factors		Organic matter
								K	T	
	In	Pct	g/cc	In/hr	In/in	pH				Pct
AnB	0-13	1-12	1.35-1.55	2.0-6.0	0.05-0.10	4.5-6.5	Low	0.10	5	0-2
Alpin	13-48	1-7	1.40-1.55	6.0-20.0	0.03-0.09	4.5-6.5	Low	0.10		
	48-80	5-8	1.45-1.65	2.0-6.0	0.06-0.09	4.5-6.5	Low	0.10		
AuB	0-24	2-10	1.60-1.70	>6.0	0.04-0.09	4.5-6.5	Low	0.10	5	.5-1
Autryville	24-38	10-25	1.40-1.60	2.0-6.0	0.08-0.13	4.5-5.5	Low	0.10		
	38-53	2-8	1.60-1.70	>6.0	0.03-0.08	4.5-5.5	Low	0.10		
	53-99	10-35	1.40-1.60	0.6-2.0	0.10-0.15	4.5-5.5	Low	0.17		
BaB	0-30	0-8	1.60-1.75	6.0-20	0.02-0.06	4.5-6.5	Low	0.10	5	.5-1

TABLE 15.--PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF THE SOILS--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Depth	Clay	Moist bulk density	Permeability	Available water capacity	Soil reaction	Shrink-swell potential	Erosion factors		Organic matter
								K	T	
	In	Pct	g/cc	In/hr	In/in	pH				Pct
GpB*:										
Goldsboro	0-13	5-15	1.40-1.60	2.0-6.0	0.08-0.12	4.5-6.0	Low	0.20	5	.5-2
	13-80	18-30	1.30-1.50	0.6-2.0	0.11-0.15	4.5-5.5	Low	0.24		
Urban land.										
Gt	0-9	7-18	1.45-1.65	2.0-6.0	0.10-0.14	4.5-7.3	Low	0.20	5	2-4
Grifton	9-45	18-35	1.35-1.45	0.6-2.0	0.12-0.17	4.5-7.3	Low	0.24		
	45-58	2-18	1.45-1.70	2.0-20.0	0.07-0.14	5.6-8.4	Low	0.20		
	58-80	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
KuB	0-80	0-3	1.60-1.80	6.0-20	<0.05	4.5-7.3	Low	0.10	5	<2
Kureb										
La	0-99	---	0.05-0.25	2.0-6.0	0.18-0.45	6.1-8.4	Low	---	---	30-70
Lafitte										
Le	0-7	6-20	1.30-1.50	0.6-2.0	0.14-0.18	3.6-5.5	Low	0.37	5	2-4
Lenoir	7-80	35-60	1.20-1.35	0.06-0.2	0.13-0.15	3.6-5.5	Moderate	0.32		
Ln	0-17	1-6	1.40-1.65	6.0-20	0.02-0.05	3.6-5.5	Low	0.10	5	.5-4
Leon	17-51	2-8	1.50-1.70	0.6-6.0	0.05-0.10	3.6-5.5	Low	0.15		
	51-95	1-6	1.40-1.65	0.6-6.0	0.02-0.05	3.6-5.5	Low	0.10		
Ly	0-13	5-20	1.30-1.60	2.0-6.0	0.09-0.13	3.6-5.5	Low	0.20	5	.5-5
Lynchburg	13-80	18-35	1.30-1.50	0.6-2.0	0.12-0.16	3.6-5.5	Low	0.20		
MaC	0-12	2-12	1.35-1.70	2.0-6.0	0.06-0.11	4.5-6.0	Low	0.17	4	<2
Marvyn	12-52	18-35	1.30-1.60	0.6-2.0	0.12-0.17	4.5-6.0	Low	0.32		
	52-75	10-30	1.40-1.60	0.2-2.0	0.07-0.14	4.5-6.0	Low	0.32		
Md	0-28	10-18	1.00-1.30	2.0-6.0	0.20-0.26	5.6-7.8	Low	0.10	5	8-20
Masontown	28-65	2-18	1.40-1.60	2.0-20	0.02-0.12	5.6-7.8	Low	0.10		
Mk	0-40	10-25	---	0.6-2.0	0.09-0.15	5.1-7.3	Low	0.20	5	---
Muckalee	40-75	5-20	---	0.6-2.0	0.08-0.12	5.6-8.4	Low	0.20		
Mu	0-5	2-8	1.45-1.60	6.0-20	0.05-0.09	3.6-5.5	Low	0.10	5	2-9
Murville	5-55	2-8	1.60-1.75	2.0-6.0	0.05-0.09	3.6-5.5	Low	0.10		
	55-75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
NeE, NfC	0-80	---	1.60-1.75	>20	<0.05	3.6-7.8	Low	0.10	5	---
Newhan										
NnE*:										
Newhan	0-80	---	1.60-1.75	>20	<0.05	3.6-7.8	Low	0.10	5	---
Corolla	0-72	0-3	1.60-1.70	>20	0.01-0.03	5.6-7.8	Low	0.10	5	<.5
Urban land.										
NoA, NoB	0-10	2-8	1.55-1.75	6.0-20	0.06-0.11	4.5-6.0	Low	0.20	5	.5-2
Norfolk	10-47	18-35	1.30-1.45	0.6-2.0	0.10-0.20	4.5-5.5	Low	0.24		
	47-80	20-43	1.10-1.40	0.06-2.0	0.10-0.15	4.5-5.5	Low	0.24		

See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 15.--PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF THE SOILS--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Depth	Clay	Moist bulk density	Permeability	Available water capacity	Soil reaction	Shrink-swell potential	Erosion factors		Organic matter
								K	T	
	In	Pct	g/cc	In/hr	In/in	pH				Pct
On	0-10	2-8	1.60-1.75	>6.0	0.07-0.11	3.6-5.5	Low	0.17	4	5-2

TABLE 16.--SOIL AND WATER FEATURES

("Flooding" and "water table" and terms such as "rare," "brief," "very brief", and "apparent" are explained in the text. The symbol < means less than; > means more than. Absence of an entry indicates that the feature is not a concern or that data were not estimated)

Soil name and map symbol	Hydrologic group	Flooding			High water table			Risk of corrosion	
		Frequency	Duration	Months	Depth	Kind	Months	Uncoated steel	Concrete
					Ft				
AnB---------- Alpin	A	None--------	---	---	>6.0	---	---	Low-------	High.
AuB---------- Autryville	A	None--------	---	---	4.0-6.0	Apparent	Jan-Apr	Low-------	High.
BaB---------- Baymeade	A	None--------	---	---	4.0-5.0	Apparent	Dec-Apr	Low-------	Moderate.
BmB*:									
Baymeade----------	A	None--------	---	---	4.0-5.0	Apparent	Dec-Apr	Low-------	Moderate.
Urban land.									
Bo---------- Bohicket	D	Frequent----	Very brief	Jan-Dec	+3-0	Apparent	Jan-Dec	High------	High.
Ca---------- Carteret	D	Frequent----	Very brief	Jan-Dec	+3-1.0	Apparent	Jan-Dec	High------	High.
Co---------- Corolla	D	Rare--------	---	---	1.5-3.0	Apparent	Nov-May	Low-------	Low.
CrB, CrC---------- Craven	C	None--------	---	---	2.0-3.0	Apparent	Dec-Apr	High------	High.
Ct---------- Croatan	D	Rare--------	---	---	0-1.0	Apparent	Dec-May	High------	High.
Da---------- Dorovan	D	Frequent----	Very long	Jan-Dec	+1-0.5	Apparent	Jan-Dec	High------	High.
Dc---------- Duckston	A/D	Frequent----	Brief------	Jan-Dec	1.0-2.0	Apparent	Jan-Dec	Low-------	Low.
FoA---------- Foreston	C	None--------	---	---	2.5-3.5	Apparent	Dec-Apr	Moderate	High.
GoA---------- Goldsboro	B	None--------	---	---	2.0-3.0	Apparent	Dec-Apr	Moderate	High.
GpB*:									
Goldsboro--------	B	None--------	---	---	2.0-3.0	Apparent	Dec-Apr	Moderate	High.
Urban land.									
Gt---------- Grifton	D	None--------	---	---	0.5-1.0	Apparent	Dec-May	High------	Low.
KuB---------- Kureb	A	None--------	---	---	>6.0	---	---	Low-------	Low.
La---------- Lafitte	D	Frequent----	Brief to very long.	Jan-Dec	+1-0.5	Apparent	Jan-Dec	High------	Moderate.

See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 16.--SOIL AND WATER FEATURES--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Hydrologic group	Flooding			High water table			Risk of corrosion	
		Frequency	Duration	Months	Depth	Kind	Months	Uncoated steel	Concrete
					Ft				
Le---------- Lenoir	D	None--------	---	---	1.0-2.5	Apparent	Dec-May	High-----	High.
Ln---------- Leon	B/D	None--------	---	---	0-1.0	Apparent	Jun-Feb	High-----	High.
Ly---------- Lynchburg	C	None--------	---	---	0.5-1.5	Apparent	Nov-Apr	High-----	High.
MaC---------- Marvyn	B	None--------	---	---	>6.0	---	---	Moderate	High.
Md---------- Masontown	D	Frequent----	Long------	Nov-Apr	+1-0.5	Apparent	Nov-Apr	Moderate	Moderate.
Mk---------- Muckalee	D	Frequent----	Brief-----	Nov-Apr	0.5-1.5	Apparent	Dec-Mar	High-----	Moderate.
Mu---------- Murville	A/D	None--------	---	---	+1-1.0	Apparent	Nov-May	High-----	Moderate.
NeE, NfC---------- Newhan	A	Rare--------	---	---	>6.0	---	---	High-----	Low.
NnE*: Newhan----------	A	Rare--------	---	---	>6.0	---	---	High-----	Low.

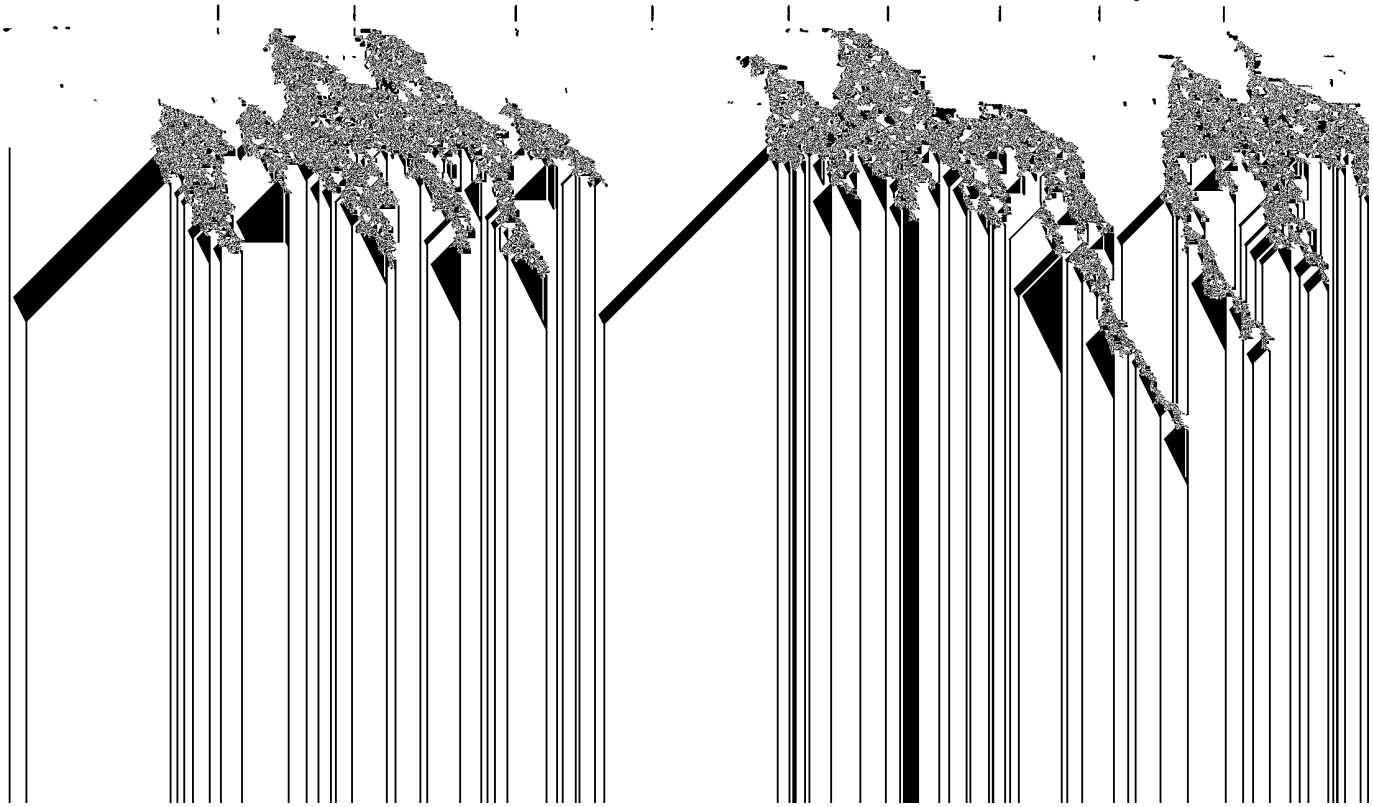


TABLE 16.--SOIL AND WATER FEATURES--Continued

Soil name and map symbol	Hydrologic group	Flooding			High water table			Risk of corrosion	
		Frequency	Duration	Months	Depth	Kind	Months	Uncoated steel	Concrete
					Ft				
Ur*. Urban land									
WaB---------- Wando	A	None--------	---	---	>6.0	---	---	Low------	Moderate.
Wo---------- Woodington	B/D	None--------	---	---	0.5-1.0	Apparent	Dec-May	High-----	High.
YaA---------- Yaupon	D	None--------	---	---	2.0-4.0	Apparent	Dec-Mar	High-----	Moderate.

* See description of the map unit for composition and behavior characteristics of the map unit.

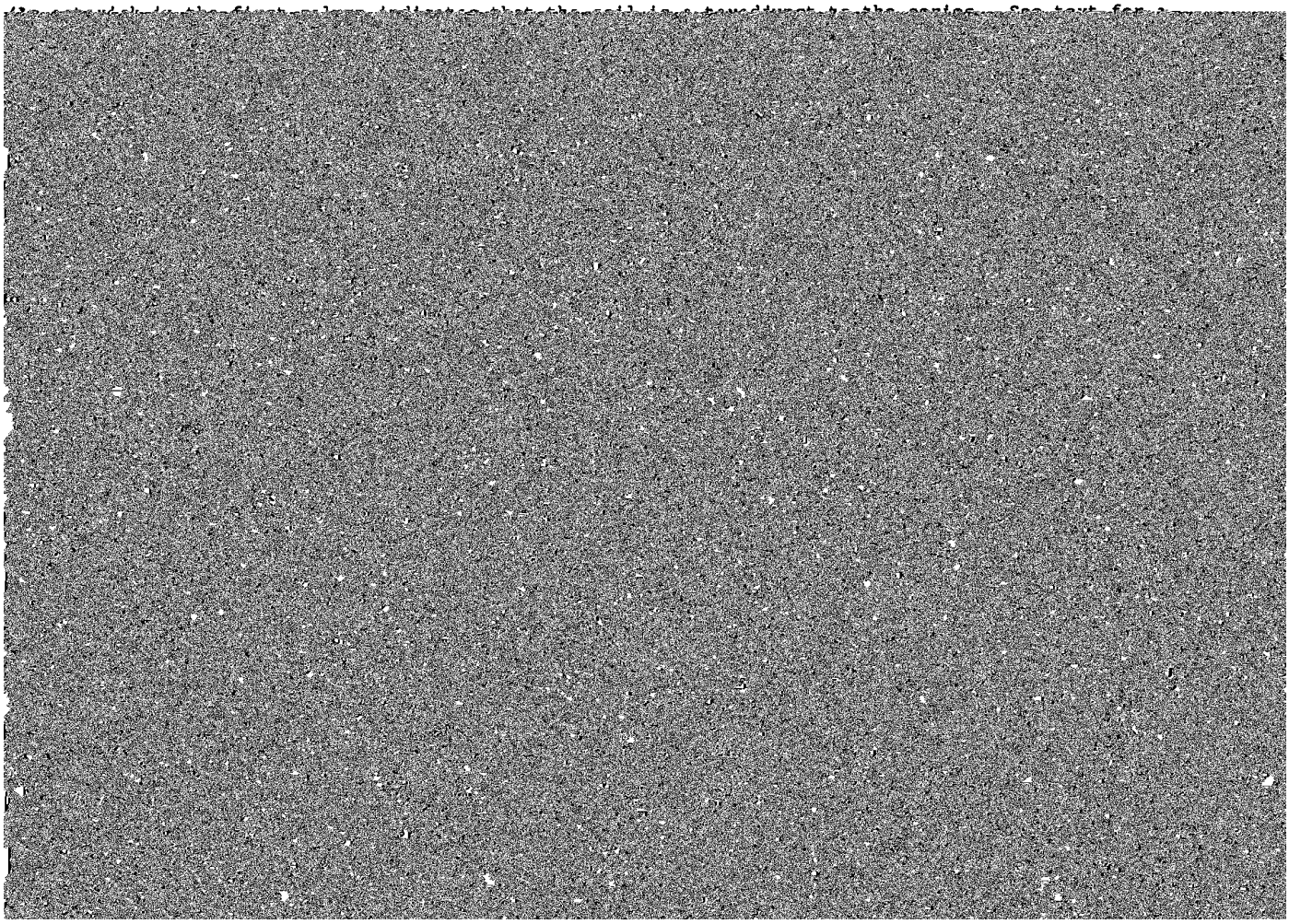
ABLE 17.--ENGINEERING INDEX TEST DATA

. LL means liquid limit; PI, plasticity index; MD, maximum dry density; OM,

cion	Grain-size distribution							Atterberg limits		Moisture density	
	Percentage passing sieve--				Percentage smaller than--						
ified	No. 4	No. 10	No. 40	No. 200	.02 mm	.005 mm	.002 mm	LL	PI	MD	OM
								Pct		Lb/cu ft	Pct
SP-SM	100	100	99	9	5	2	1	---	NP	---	---
SM	100	100	100	23	19	17	15	---	NP	116.0	12.9
SP-SM	100	100	100	7	5	4	3	---	NP	---	---
SM	100	100	100	36	15	6	3	---	NP	100.0	17.3
SM-SC	100	100	100	38	22	14	11	22	5	118.2	12.1
SM	100	100	100	29	23	19	16	23	3	117.1	13.4
SM	100	100	97	16	10	6	4	---	NP	109.6	11.8
SC	100	100	95	44	39	30	24	29	16	119.6	12.5
SM-SC	98	98	95	37	22	16	14	22	4	121.3	11.0
M	100	100	100	32	12	4	2	---	NP	104.1	14.3
L	100	100	100	53	40	32	28	36	17	110.4	16.2
C	100	100	100	40	28	21	20	30	10	114.1	14.2
P-SM	100	100	99	6	3	2	1	---	NP	---	---
P-SM	100	100	100	5	3	2	2	---	NP	---	---
M	100	100	96	41	22	6	3	---	NP	80.6	27.7
M	100	99	91	36	22	16	13	19	4	123.4	9.9
C-SM	100	99	92	34	25	17	15	21	5	122.9	11.0
P	100	100	96	4	2	1	1	---	NP	---	---
P-SM	100	100	97	5	3	2	1	---	NP	---	---

the same as those given for the typical pedons in the section "Soil Series and

TABLE 18.--CLASSIFICATION OF THE SOILS



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